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Old Left preferred by party activists

Mandelson learns 'touch of humility'

By Philip Webster, political editor

LABOUR activists embarrassed Tony Blair yesterday by rejecting his close adviser and friend Peter Mandelson as a member of the party's ruling body.

The vote ended the Prime Minister's hopes of a trouble-free party conference and overshadowed preparations for his address today. But Mr Blair, his advisers and Mr Mandelson himself swiftly countered suggestions that the defeat of one of the architects of new Labour was a vote against modernisation — which will be the central theme of today's speech.

They cited the comfortable vote yesterday for the latest package of party reforms as evidence of support for Mr Blair's approach.

But there was no attempt to disguise the disappointment at the defeat of the Minister of Portfolio, who came eighth in a ballot for the seven MP places on the national executive. Even worse for the leadership was the fact that the place Mr Mandelson was seeking went to his leftwing critic Ken Livingstone.

Mr Mandelson — so long in the shadows as adviser first to Neil Kinnock and then to Mr Blair — had stood for election in an attempt to legitimitise the substantial power he wields through his closeness to Mr Blair. He hoped, and most of the leadership felt, that activists would reward him for his work as Labour's election campaign chief.

But he has always been a controversial figure: and it is clear that an uncomfortable August when he and John Prescott were said to be "minding the shop" in Mr Blair's absence on holiday did him no good at all.

Mr Mandelson put a brave face on his setback last night, pointing out that it was his first attempt and that even Mr Kinnock had taken three goes to get on. He said: "Even if I had known the result in advance I would still have stood because I wanted to show I was moving from being a shadowy backroom fixer to an ordianry frontline politician taking the risk of being defeated.

"A touch of humility is good for everyone, particularly a politician and particuarly me. I have made enemies, possibly unnecessarily and I regret that. I have made mistakes and I will learn from them. But it was a solid and respectable vote."

Cabinet members said privately last night that Mr Mandelson's decision to stand had been a miscalculation. "He thought — we thought — that he would get on. But Peter is the personification of the central control that the activists do not like and they would not have him. Had he known that he would have damaged Tony on the eve of his speech he would not have done it."

A source close to Mr Blair said: "Two years ago, if you had even suggested Peter would get near the national executive, you would have been laughed out of court." But the source added that Mr Mandelson was a talented and important figure who would continue to play an important part in the development of new Labour. He is still regarded as likely to earn a place in the Cabinet.

The Left, however, was delighted by the result and a cheer went up in the conference hall in Brighton when the votes were announced. Both Diane Abbott and Dennis Skinner, the two other leftwing MPs on the executive, increased their votes and Mr Skinner said the outcome was a clear indication that the socialist wing of the party would not be silenced.

Ms Abbott was also gleeful, saying: "This is a tremendous blow to Peter Mandelson. A great operator, a great fixer, could not get himself operated and fixed on to the national executive." She said the result was "significant politically", proving that ordinary party members "did not buy Mandelson's politics".

Mr Livingstone also insisted that there was a political message: "It is not personal. It is not that people don't like Mr Mandelson. I like him. He is very charming and witty company to be in. This was a political choice. Party members have sent a warning that they are not just a rubber stamp and that they are there to have a view on things."

Mr Livingstone said that Mr Blair was "no fool" and would recognise the prod from the rank-and-file to say "you haven't got a blank cheque". But he also accepted that this would be something of a "coronation conference" for the Prime Minister after the election victory.

Certainly Mr Blair can expect a hero's reception today — but he is preparing to deliver a tough warning to his party after sensing that some people were becoming too complacent. "Some people seem to think that we've won and that's it; they've got a different think coming," an aide said. Mr Blair did not want to be "just another prime minister managing decline".

Mr Blair himself will tell the conference that a quiet revolution has been going on since May 1 led by the "real modernisers: the British people", and say: "We will never be the biggest: we may never be the mightiest, but we can be the best."

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PAUL HACKETT

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Insurance could replace state sickness benefits

By Our Political Editor

GREATER use of insurance to replace a range of state benefits is being considered by the Government as part of the reform of the welfare state to be heralded by Tony Blair today.

Senior ministers involved in welfare reviews being conducted across Whitehall say that the shake-up is to go back to "first principles" and question whether many of the benefits taken for granted should continue to be paid out of state coffers. Injury and sickness benefits could go.

Industrial injuries benefit, which will cost the Exchequer £660 million next year, is an obvious candidate to be scrapped. Incapacity benefit is another that will come under the microscope. None of the benefits which Labour is pledged to keep will be affected.

However, ministers say that the greater use of insurance must be considered if the Government is serious about tackling the huge welfare bill.

Mr Blair will not go into detail but make plain that the welfare state reform through encouraging work not dependency is one of the two central projects of his Government, the other being education.

Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, will tomorrow signal the direction of reform by unveiling a package of measures to persuade the disabled to give up their benefits and return to work. People on long-erm sickness benefit will be invited to take advice on training to find ways back from benefit.

The reviews going on in Whitehall will be considered by the Cabinet by the turn of the year. Ministers are hopeful that any legislation required could come forward the following autumn.

Mr Blair will say today that the British people are creative and compassionate but "our compassion will be worthless unless we modernise our welfare state."

Friends of Princess welcome new disclosures

By Nicholas Wood, Daniel McGrory and Joanna Bale

FRIENDS of Diana, Princess of Wales, last night welcomed the fact that the record had finally been put straight on how details were published about her marriage and life as a member of the Royal Family.

Associates of the late Princess expressed satisfaction and relief at the disclosure by the author Andrew Morton that his best-selling book, published five years ago shortly before her failed marriage became public knowledge, was in fact an autobiography, largely dictated and corrected by the Princess herself.

But Buckingham Palace expressed sadness that a new version of the book, was being published so soon after the Princess's tragic death a month ago. Palace officials were dismayed to discover that the book was based on six lengthy interviews in 1992. *The Times* is publishing the foreword and an extract from a chapter written since the Princess's death.

In a brief statement yesterday the Palace said: "The book is nothing new, but the timing of its re-release is particularly sad, coming as it does so soon after the Princess's death. We do not intend to contribute to its publicity by making any further comment."

At the time of the book's publication, Palace officials went to extraordinary lengths to distance the Princess from Mr Morton's book, believed at the time to have been compiled from interviews with friends talking with the Princess's approval. But many of those friends yesterday said they were glad the truth had now been told.

Muriel Stevens, who was a friend of the Princess and who was acknowledged as a source in the original book, said last night: "I guess she was put under a lot of pressure by the Palace to deny, to keep the fairytale going, but now it is important that everyone should know the truth."

Today *The Times* publishes the second half of Mr Morton's foreword to his revised version entitled *Diana, Her True Story — In Her Own Words*.

In it he discloses that the Princess of Wales personally altered the original manuscript to protect the Queen from embarrassment. She made the change to a section dealing with one of her apparent suicide attempts which was witnessed by the Queen.

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"During the interviews she said that when she threw herself down the stairs at Sandringham, while pregnant with Prince William, the Queen was the first on the scene," Mr Morton writes. "On the manuscript, Diana altered the text and inserted the Queen Mother's name presumambly out of deference to the Sovereign."

The Princess provided Mr Morton with "several letters and postcards from Mrs Parker-Bowles to Prince Charles to prove that she was not imagining their relationship. These billets-doux, passionate, loving and full of suppressed longing left my publisher and I in absolutely no doubt that Diana's suspicions were correct". However, for fear of libel, Mr Morton referred only to a "secret

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Gilts profits

City firms earned millions in gilt futures trading ahead of a report that the Cabinet had taken a more positive stance on a single currency .... Page 25

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Ratings battle as BBC's 'fantasy football' team get transfer to ITV

By Carol Midgley
Media correspondent

Skinner, left, Baddiel and Wilson: poached by ITV for revamped schedules

ITV has raided the BBC's ideas and talent cupboard in an attempt to arrest its ratings decline and convince advertisers that it has a future in the digital age.

Programme makers have persuaded *Fantasy Football*, the cult BBC show that gave rise to the Euro '96 anthem *Three Lions*, to defect to independent television with its star presenters David Baddiel and Frank Skinner. They will present 16 live shows during the World Cup next year.

Richard Wilson, who stars as Victor Meldrew in BBC1's *One Foot in the Grave*, has also been poached for a new comedy series *Duck Patrol*. *The Wombles*, the BBC children's show of the 1970s, is also being revived with a Chinese addition to the Womble clan.

In a move regarded as a "dumbing up" of a network often associated with tacky quiz shows, David Liddiment, independent television's new director of programmes, said that he wanted more factual programmes and more quality drama to push up the ratings and compete with flagship BBC shows such as *Casualty*. He agreed that ITV had been under-performing and had allowed the BBC to "steal a march", particularly with factual programmes such as *Airport*, *Driving School* and *Animal Hospital*.

Next year ITV will have its own version of *Airport* — *Airline*, a documentary following the crew on a British charter airline. It will also carry four adaptations of *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, *Far From the Madding Crowd*, *Wuthering Heights* and the Hornblower stories.

"Some of our programmes will have to be re-scehduled, some reinvented and other given early retirement", Mr Liddiment. "I am not afraid to kill off programmes that are under-performing."

Although independent television has a higher share of audiences than any rival, it has seen its dominance eroded in recent years by a Channel 4, a more competitive BBC and growing numbers of cable and satellite channels. Advertisers who buy commercial airtime have complained that they are not reaching as big a share of viewers as before.

Richard Eyre, starting on his first day as ITV's chief executive, told a gathering of advertisers in London that he understood their frustrations over poor ratings. He asked them for 100 days to come up with a strategy that would satisfy them. "I haven't joined ITV to manage decline and neither has David [Liddiment]", he said.

Mr Baddiel and Mr Skinner said that they had accepted a transfer to ITV because it was willing to pump more money into the show. They said they decided to revive it because so many people kept asking when it was going to be on again: "We thought 'Why are we being so poncy about it? Let's milk it until it's dead'."

New proof of CJD-BSE link

Compelling evidence that BSE can be transmitted to humans has been found by British scientists. The results confirm that 21 people who contracted a new form of the brain disease CJD almost certainly did so from eating infected beef.

Scientiists have been able to show that the new variant form of CJD is indistinguishable from BSE in its effects when it is injected into mice .... Page 2

Taleban detains Euro aid chief

Armed religious police of the Islamic Taleban held Emma Bonino, the European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid, and 18 other people for more than three hours after pictures of women were taken in an Afghan hospital.

Signora Bonino said: "I was scared because they were fully armed and had Kalashnikovs pointed at us" .... Page 10

Assisi looters

Police in Italy say that pieces of art works that were damaged in last week's earthquake in Assisi are finding their way on to the black market .... Page 13

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Steely band disturbs the sleep of the wary

MATTHEW PARRIS
CONFERENCE SKETCH

ABIDING in the mind after Brighton this week will be the memory of steel: steel railings everywhere, steel in the Prime Minister's smile, steel in Labour's grip, steel in the eyes of the evangelists of "new politics" as they pump your hand and scrutinise your security pass.

Long before you arrive the steel security fences start. To these the party has pinned two posters in equal numbers. One, red on a white background, declares "New Labour New Britain". The other is white on a red background. It says "New Labour New Britain". On the approach to the promenade this message is repeated 81 times.

At the seafront you turn to confront the security zone itself. This is guarded against attack from the ocean by more steel. Upon it appears the message "New Labour New Britain", 215 times.

In the middle stands the conference centre. Its façade is decked, to the left, by a huge banner hanging vertically. It bears the message "New Labour New Britain". To the right hangs another banner. It says the same. Between the vertical banners is a horizontal one: "Brighton & Hove welcome New Labour" — an audacious departure from the standard text which, it is to be hoped, will not confuse delegates. From the beach comes the lament of a trombone solo played by a man complaining about sick pay. Few notice.

To enter the hall you must first enter a long tunnel. In this the visitor passes the message "New Labour New Britain" 42 more times. Frisked at a security check, visitors can read "New Labour New Britain" four times more on the walls above the X-ray machines. In the final section of tunnel the thought "New Labour New Britain" appears seven times, and "Group 4 — Have you got your pass?" once.

I joined delegates crowding in to hear John Prescott and looked down at the conference floor. Virtually everybody was white. But in a small reserved area behind me most seemed black or brown.

"Gosh," I thought, but without surprise, "they've put the coloured people in a separate pen, away from the cameras." In fact, this was the international visitors' section. Outside, beyond the steel, one could hear the wailing of dissident demonstrators borne on the wind, but very faint.

Robin Cook showed delegates a video of Tony Blair on a walkabout. Tony Blair in a helicopter, in a coach, at a school, in a car, in a field and hugging some children, all to the accompaniment of happy music.

John Prescott introduced a woman who showed slides to assist delegates' understanding. There were graphics of three stick-figure men, the third engulfed in light and bearing the logo "new", to illustrate Labour's new support. Near the end of her show came a slide saying: "1997: Labour's Best Election Ever"; then another saying "Thank You". Wisely, the final slide did not say "Now Go Away". Best not to spell it out.

Later, Gordon Brown spoke with authority, and the pallor of the undead. Were one to glance down and notice that a junior minister had talons where fingernails should be, it would hardly seem worth mentioning.

I had woken in the night in my conference hotel, disturbed by the deep bark of a big dog somewhere outside in the dark where guards patrol: then by the sound of a crowd-barrier being dragged across asphalt.

Then a scream, twice repeated. Then silence. A detainee, suspected of unmodern thoughts, under interrogation by Mr Mandelson's mind-police? Or just a seagull on the early tide? Strange thoughts crowd the brain at this surreal celebration, with something acrid in the air. Beneath the applause there is a grinding of teeth.

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New evidence underlines CJD link with beef

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

COMPELLING evidence that BSE can be transmitted to humans has been found by scientists. The results confirm that 21 people who contracted a new form of the brain disease CJD almost certainly did so from eating infected beef.

By dispelling remaining uncertainties about the link, the findings seem certain to boost calls made by victims' families for a full judicial inquiry.

Scientific groups from Edinburgh and London have been able to show that the new variant form of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease is indistinguishable from BSE in its effects when injected into mice.

Not only did the mice develop the disease in exactly the same period of time after injection, but extracts of infected brain were identical to those found in BSE-infected cattle. Other forms of CJD developed at a different speed and produced different molecules in the brain.

John Collinge, the leader of the team from St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, says that he has reached the "inescapable conclusion" that the new variant of CJD is the human equivalent of BSE and that eating beef is probably to blame.

His findings, and those of a team led by Moira Bruce of the Neuropathogenesis Unit in Edinburgh, are published in this week's *Nature*. The findings were released early after a report of them appeared in *The Sunday Times*.

Dr Bruce took brain tissue from victims of the new variant and from six patients who had died of the classical form of the disease, and injected it into different strains of laboratory mice. One strain, called RIII, died 300-350 days after being injected.

Dr Bruce's results show that the RIII mice injected with the new variant — known as nvCJD — have died at the same time as if injected with BSE. The appearance of their brains was the same as mice brains infected by BSE. "Our data provide strong evidence that the same agent is involved in both BSE and nvCJD," the team concludes. When taken with the epidemiological data, the evidence becomes "compelling", they say.

A second strain of mice, called C57BL, have also been injected with the brain extracts. They are beginning to show signs of disease, as would be expected if BSE and nvCJD were identical.

The two new studies do not change assumptions about nvCJD and BSE. The Government was advised by the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee in March 1996 that there was probably a link and accepted the advice. Some scientists remained sceptical, but this latest evidence is as convincing as it is likely to get.

The advisory committee said yesterday that the new research was convincing but did not call for any change in policy. The necessary measures to protect the public and in animal health were in place already, it said.

Dr Collinge said yesterday: "We believe that the combined weight of the evidence leads to the same inescapable conclusion: new variant CJD is the human counterpart of BSE."

Relatives of 'new' victims demand compensation

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

RELATIVES of victims of the new strain of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) linked to BSE in cattle called yesterday for financial compensation and a public inquiry into how people came to be exposed to the fatal brain infection.

Dorothy Churchill, of Devizes, Wiltshire, whose son Stephen died in May 1995 at the age of 19, said: "We have been waiting for 18 months for these test results. We hope this will help our campaign to put pressure on the Government to set up a full, judicial inquiry into the BSE crisis.

"We also want to see money made available to help in the nursing of victims of CJD. The Government was quick enough to compensate farmers for cows that got BSE. We feel that they should make some sort of compensation award to the families."

Stephen Churchill was the first of 21 people to have been confirmed so far as as victims of the new strain of CJD, which they are presumed to have contracted by eating beef infected with BSE.

Stephen's parents pressed their case at a meeting last night with a group of Members of the European Parliament at an hotel in Exeter. The Euro-MPs are on a three-day visit to inspect British abattoirs and rendering plants.

David Churchill, Stephen's father, said he hoped the European Parliament would put pressure on the Government to provide "no-fault compensation" for affected families.

PAUL VICENTE/EPA

Sophie Anderton wearing a Westwood design, part of the Red Label collection, at the Globe theatre yesterday

Westwood puts the best fronts forward at the Globe

By Grace Bradberry
Style Editor

THE glamour model Melinda Messenger made an appearance at the Globe theatre yesterday as Vivienne Westwood used voluptuous women to model her Red Label collection, shown as part of London Fashion Week.

The show, staged in the undercroft of the theatre on the South Bank, also featured the television presenter Denise Van Outen and Sophie Anderton, the model best known for bra adverts. Although the theme was the well-bred "English Girl Abroad", the styling was more saucy peasant.

In tabloid speak, Miss Messenger cavorted before photographers in a ruched miniskirt and knotted cropped shirt. Overall, the collection was a curious mixture of slinky, full-length glitter dresses, blue sailor outfits, and flouncy dresses harking back to the 1970s.

There was a near repeat of Naomi Campbell's famous catwalk fall when one model slipped on the outrageous cork platform sandals. The miniskirted suits were also in familiar Westwood territory.

Also showing was Richard Tyler, the New York designer who was a favourite of Hollywood stars. His show at the Oxo Tower was one of the hot tickets of the week.

Earlier, the British designer Paul Frith showed a sleek collection of grey tailored skirts and batwing-sleeved jersey dresses.

☐ The designer Alexander McQueen yesterday served a writ on a student who has accusing him of stealing a design. The row involves an "off the breast" dress shown at McQueen's Paris show in January. Trevor Merrell, 35, has been given legal aid to sue McQueen after claiming it was a copy of a dress he made. McQueen lodged a counterclaim in the High Court after Mr Merrell refused to sign an apology agreeing to cease making the allegations.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Checks on children after asbestos scare

Health officials and police were trying to trace a company that illegally dumped more than 200 bin bags of blue asbestos around Birmingham. The red and black bags were dumped on streets, on wasteland and at the back of two industrial premises.

Gavin Tringham, head of Birmingham's environmental protection unit, said children had been seen tearing open the bags and throwing the asbestos over each other. Last night seven of the children had been traced and their clothes and homes were being decontaminated. A doctor will examine them to decide whether they should have long-term monitoring.

The bags were taken away for disposal and specialist companies worked through the day to make the dumping sites safe. Crown courts can impose unlimited fines for illegal dumping of asbestos.

Handguns warning

Gun owners face up to ten years in prison or a £5,000 fine if they do not surrender any handguns above .22 calibre by tonight. Alun Michael, the Home Office Minister responsible for criminal policy, said that during the three-month amnesty many gun owners had co-operated with the police. He understood their anger over the ban but they would receive compensation.

Fireman shot in the eye

A fireman may require surgery to save his sight after being shot in the eye at the scene of a fire in a disused pub in Middlesbrough. The officer, whose name was not released, was hit with an airgun pellet while drinking coffee provided by a neighbour. He was taken to Middlesbrough General Hospital with fragments of the pellet still in his eye. The fire was being treated as arson.

Man joins election race

A man has won a place in the previously all-female race to become President of Ireland. Derek Nally, 60, a private detective, secured the required backing of four county councils to contest the election on October 30. He will compete against the singer Dana, Mary McAleese, Adi Roche and Mary Banotti. Nominations for the £100,000-a-year post close at noon today.

Oldest man dies at 108

England's oldest man — who gave up smoking when he was 97 and lived through the reigns of four kings and two queens — has died at the age of 108. George Cook, an award-winning gardener, died in his sleep on Saturday at a retirement home in Dorking, Surrey. Mr Cook, who fought at Ypres and in the Battle of the Somme, had more than 40 great-grandchildren.

New top policeman

The new head of the National Criminal Intelligence Service will be John Abbott, the current deputy director. Mr Abbott, 48, has been deputy since October. He joined Sussex police in 1968 and has served in the Royal Hong Kong Police and as an assistant inspector of constabulary at the Home Office. Mr Abbott replaces Albert Pacey, who retired last month.

Explorer dies in tunnel

An investigation was launched after a man apparently suffocated as he and a friend explored an old tunnel. Robert Ashcroft, 18, collapsed 30 metres inside the tunnel, believed to be a drainage culvert, beneath a slag heap at the former Hickleton Main colliery near Thurnscoe, south Yorkshire. His friend, 19, was taken to hospital. The mine closed ten years ago.

Hope for vice children

Police and social services in Manchester are setting up a "rescue squad" to save child prostitutes from life on the streets after some as young as 13 have been reported openly soliciting for sex. The scheme, similar to one in the Midlands, is designed to guide young people towards welfare agencies instead of the courts. Last year, figures showed there were 5,000 child prostitutes on the streets.

Potter shop on market

The shop immortalised by Beatrix Potter as the home of the Tailor of Gloucester is for sale. Thousands of tourists visit the shop, beside Gloucester Cathedral, which was sketched by Potter for the 1902 book. It is being sold by her publisher, Frederick Warne and Co, because retailing is not its core business. Gloucester council may bid for the freehold, priced at £75,000.

Marquess turns rebel over Hague reforms

By Andrew Pierce

A CONSERVATIVE peer who lives in a 115-room stately home yesterday raised the standard of revolt against William Hague's abandonment of voting rights for hereditary peers.

The 8th Marquess of Hertford, the master of Ragley Hall in Warwickshire, insisted that the experience of running a 6,000-acre estate offered a valuable contribution to democracy. Hereditary peers "have a lot of experience at many different jobs", he said. "If, together with a peerage, you have inherited a large country estate, you have to learn a lot about farming, forestry, maintenance of houses and conversion of farm buildings."

Lord Hertford, 67, who was educated at Eton, separated from his wife in 1995. Neither wanted to move from their 17th century estate, so he remained in ten of the rooms in the mansion while his wife moved half-a-mile up the drive to a house that was the gardener's cottage.

Lord Hertford, whose personal fortune is estimated at £14 million, attended about a third of the 74 sittings of the House of Lords last year. He admitted he would be at a loss if Labour carried out its manifesto commitment, which the Tory leader has decided not to oppose, to strip the sitting and voting rights of hereditary peers. "I don't know what I would do. Not a lot I suppose," he told Radio 4's *The World at One*.

The 300-year-old Ragley Hall, which Lord Hertford saved from demolition, and its gardens, is visited by about 90,000 tourists each year. The estate should keep him busy. It includes an adventure playground, and dinner parties are held at the Great Hall.

Lord Hertford maintained that owners of stately homes had valuable skills. "Many of us have learnt a lot about the tourist trade. There is quite a variety of good jobs to be good at and, with all due modesty, I have been pretty successful at all of them."

Lord Hertford was planning to discuss the Hague reforms with Viscount Cranborne, the Tory leader in the House of Lords, and a scion of the Cecil dynasty. He hoped that Mr Hague would reconsider.

He said that the Prime Minister's plans to replace the hereditary peers with dozens of life peers would not improve the quality of the debate in the Lords. "It will make it less interesting and less useful."

Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, a Tory life peer, accepted the need for reform of the House of Lords. He suggested that existing hereditary peers might be allowed to remain in the House, while their heirs should be excluded. Diehard Tory supporters of hereditary voting rights would have to accept that change was inevitable, he said. "There is a group of what I will call 'solid' Conservatives who will be distressed by it going in any reforming direction but they will have to realise if we hope to return to power we can no longer imagine we can stay still."

Lord Hertford

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PETER JORDAN

Every one a two-time winner: left to right, Papworth, Young, Cook and Hedges

Pub friends hit double lottery jackpot with mistaken entry

A PUB syndicate hit the lottery jackpot twice at the weekend after accidentally putting one of their regular sets of numbers on two different coupons. The four punters from the Royal Oak in New Ash Green, Kent, scooped £10.8 million — two of the five shares of the weekend's rollover jackpot.

Kevin Papworth, 36, an electrician and the syndicate leader, said: "Once I saw the jackpot line on one of our tickets I didn't bother checking the rest. It wasn't until the following day our lucky mistake was discovered."

The other members of the syndicate are Tony Young, 53, the publican, Steve Cook, 29, manager of a double glazing firm, and Doug Hedges, 33, a network analyst. They beat odds of 196 million to one to net their double win.

It was only the day after Mr Papworth accidentally wrote down the same line twice, when they were celebrating what they thought was a £5 million win, that Camelot told them they had hit the jackpot twice. Yesterday, the four pub friends, all from Dartford, celebrated their win with lager.

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Bullies torment Salvation Army girl to death

Russell Jenkins reports on the suspected suicide of a teenager unable to bear the victimisation any longer

THE parents of a 13-year-old girl, found dead early yesterday after a suspected overdose, have blamed the tragedy on young bullies who targeted the family because they belonged to the Salvation Army.

Kelly Yeomans and her family were subjected to insults, taunts and abuse by a group of youngsters who were said to have hurled eggs, flour, stones and even a dead fish at their home in Allenton, Derby.

The bombardment had been stepped up over the weekend.

Derbyshire Constabularly are investigating the circumstances surrounding the schoolgirl's death. They intend to interview a number of youths who, it is alleged, were "tormenting Kelly and her family".

Kelly's body was discovered shortly before 8am yesterday by her mother, Julie Yeomans, 42, when she went to wake her up in time for school. She had swallowed an overdose of painkillers.

She is believed to have taken around 40 of the tablets which were originally prescribed for her mother. Paradmedics arrived shortly afterwards but were unable to revive her.

Mrs Yeomans and her husband, Ivan, 45, spoke of their daughter's torment at the hands of the bullies. She said that Kelly was so upset by the onslaught that she had warned earlier that she could not take much more.

The youths began terrorising the family three years ago because, they believe, of their association with the Salvation Army.

Kelly and her older sister Sarah, 16, played in a band and visited old people'shomes.

A group of youths gathered outside the house last Thursday and Friday. They shouted abuse and threw eggs but fled when the police were called.

Kelly: took overdose

Mrs Yeomans said that Kelly had been deeply upset by her experience last Friday when she was called a "smelly bastard". She said: "I went out, but they just told me, 'We've told you. Get back in, you smelly bastards'.

"Kelly said to me on Friday 'I've had enough Mum. I'm going to take an overdose.' I really didn't think she would. I just thought she was depressed. It is terrible.

"She was a very happy girl, she would do anything for anyone. I just wish these people who have done this could tell me why they have taken my daughter away from us."

Mr Yeomans said that Kelly had confided in him last week that she felt threatened and frightened. He had tried to reassure her. "I told her not to be frightened we have got the law on our side," he said.

"I have been around to the council no end of times to complain, but it is all form filling. All I wanted was for it to stop. They saw us as a soft family and they just bullied us, now they have driven my daughter to her death."

Neighbours spoke of how youths on the problem council estate had thrown stones at the homes of elderly residents.

Michael Shaw, principal of Merrill College, Derby, where Kelly went to school, said that to his knowledge there had been no incidents of bullying on school premises. He said: "The first we became aware of this was after we were told of Kelly's death. Her parents never approached us about there being a problem at school and neither did Kelly."

Detective Inspector Mark Cheetham, leading the investigation, said: "We understand Kelly and her family were being tormented by local youths. We will be interviewing them later in relation to possible offences of harassment."

Major Pamela Nott, commanding officer of the South Derby Salvation Army, said: "This has come as a terrible shock to all our members. Those who knew Kelly spoke very warmly of her and it is a great shame that the local community has lost someone who cared so much."

Kelly's sister Sarah said Kelly had been the victim of persistent bullying at school and had often been teased because she was overweight. She said: "It got to the stage where she was frightened to go out of the house because she got called 'fatty'. My Mum had a go at them, but it didn't do any good."

Sarah said that her sister had threatened to take an overdose if the tormenting did not stop. "She said she had had enough of it and that she was going to take an overdose. We tried to hide the pills from her."

ANTHONY UPTON

Vanessa Hardwick: claimed sexual discrimination over FA coaching exam setback

Leaky defence 'led to woman coach's failure'

By Peter Foster

A FOOTBALL coach who claims that she was denied a top qualification because she was a woman had been "incompetent" and had made "fundamental errors", an industrial tribunal heard yesterday.

Vanessa Hardwick, 32, is claiming sexual discrimination against the Football Association after she failed to get her advanced coaching licence last year. Last week Ms Hardwick, a PE teacher from Ickenham, northwest London, told the tribunal that her failure on the male-dominated course had left her feeling humiliated.

John McDermott, the FA's regional director in the South East, said yesterday that Ms Hardwick had failed because she was "not up to the standard". He explained how one of Ms Hardwick's errors had left an attacker with a free run on goal: "She gave the wrong information to the defender." The FA's highest coaching award, held by an estimated 80 per cent of Premier League managers, would have no credibility if it were awarded to someone who made such elementary errors.

Last week Ms Hardwick complained that she had been placed at a disadvantage because her all-male assessors had marked her on her ability to coach the men's game rather than women's. Mr McDermott said: "If Ms Hardwick coached a women's premier league side like that they would leak goals like a sieve."

Later in the hearing Ted Copeland, current coach of the England women's football team, said that coaching women was not substantially different from working with men's teams. Asked if there were any differences Mr Copeland said women tended to be more emotional. "At any one time 25 per cent of my players have menstrual problems." He was asked if he had any experience of women at a lower level. "Do you mean as a footballer?" he replied, sending the tribunal chairman Michael Rabin into fits of laughter. "That is not a good joke to make in a sexual discrimination case," countered Jane Deighton, for Ms Hardwick.

Kelly Simmons, the FA's national co-ordinator for women's football, said that the FA had a carefully devised strategy for encouraging women's football. "If a woman were at the required level the FA would encourage her to sit for the advanced licence," she added.

Judgment was reserved.

Woman boxer punches hard for equality

By Frances Gibb
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A FEMALE boxing champion is seeking to strike a blow in the courts for women's right to fight. In what is thought to be the first case of its kind, Jane Couch, 29, the women's world welterweight champion, wants to count out the British Boxing Board of Control's opposition to women fighting professionally.

The Lancashire boxer, billed as the Fleetwood Assassin, is making her attempt for equality at a London industrial tribunal, alleging restriction of trade and sexual discrimination. She wants the board to rescind its decision to deny her application for a professional licence. The board opposes female fighters on medical grounds.

Last week Vanessa Hardwick lodged a claim, with the backing of the Equal Opportunities Commission, against the Football Association over its refusal to grant her the FA advanced coaching licence.

Ms Couch is confident of her contest prospects. "Britain is stuck in the Dark Ages. It is the only country in the world where I cannot fight professionally on the same bill as men," she said. Papers were lodged initially for an industrial tribunal in Bristol but the hearing will now be in Croydon, South London. The date has yet to be fixed.

Ms Couch trains at Tex Woodward's gym at Compton Greenfield, near Bristol. He supports her courtroom fight: "If a person wants to box they should be allowed to box, whether male or female. A male barrister trains at our gym and he believes Jane should win, as European law says that women should have equal rights."

Couch: world title

Judge frees 'Magnificent Seven' who stole back docked wages

By Michael Horsnell

A GROUP of "impoverished" drivers who stole £36,000 from the bus company they worked for escaped with community service orders from a sympathetic judge when he heard that they decided to steal back their wages after being docked as much as £100 a week.

Judge Michael Evans, QC, was told their take-home pay was as low as £33 a week. Workmates who knew about the scam at Shamrock Coaches in south Wales dubbed the men the "Magnificent Seven" for stealing from the fares they collected by sneaking two computerised tills on to their buses while only handing over the cash from one.

But the company hit back last night, challenging their plea of mitigation after the men had pleaded guilty and criticising the conduct of prosecuting counsel. Granville Owen, operations supervisor, said after the case that Shamrock would start civil proceedings to recover the stolen money from the men whom they have already sacked.

He criticised the conduct of the case by the Crown Prosecution Service which he demanded should launch an appeal against sentence. The company vehemently denied underpaying the defendants and the allegation made in court that wage records had been destroyed by the company.

The case will be reviewed by the CPS after a protest letter was sent yesterday by Alison Jones, the owner of the company which operates buses throughout south Wales.

Peter Murphy, defending the men at Cardiff Crown Court last Friday, told the judge: "They are all hard working, honest men with a genuine grievance. The company was acting very badly and grossly underpaid their employees. They regularly deducted large sums of money without conscience from the pay packets of their employees each week. "The drivers sometimes took home as little as £33 for a full week after deductions. That was not enough money to feed a family. They were owed the money in unpaid wages so they took it."

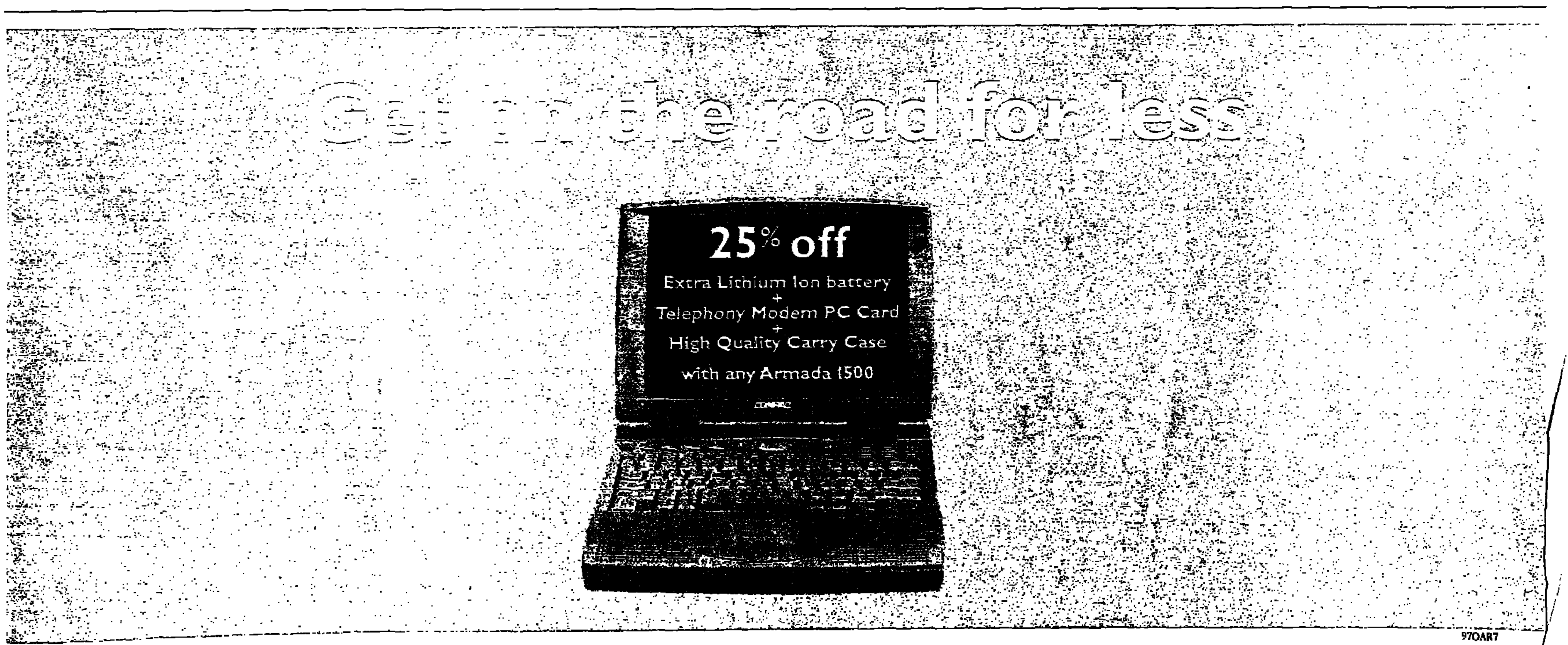
Drivers Ken Evans, Ceri Williams, Lynn Davies, Jason Davies, Anthony Lindsay, Mike Williams and Jeff Holt all admitted theft totalling £36,756 at an earlier hearing at Merthyr Tydfil Crown Court. It was said that Mr Evans, 41, worked through his holidays for extra cash to buy Christmas presents for his children but his bosses docked all of the extra money he earned.

Hugh Wallace, prosecuting, said the fraud operated by the men — aged between 30 and 46 — was eventually spotted by managers at the company's head office in Abercynon, Glamorgan. The judge ordered all but one of the men, who come from Aberdare, Mountain Ash and Pontypridd, to do 120 hours of community service, while Anthony Lindsay was sentenced to a year's probation.

Judge Evans said: "This is an exceptional case. You each have a sense of grievance against your former employees over unpaid wages.

"There are many grounds to support your grievance. I don't believe it would be fair or just to make you pay compensation or costs."

An angry Mr Owen said after the case: "This is a travesty of justice."



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Friends say the truth has to be told

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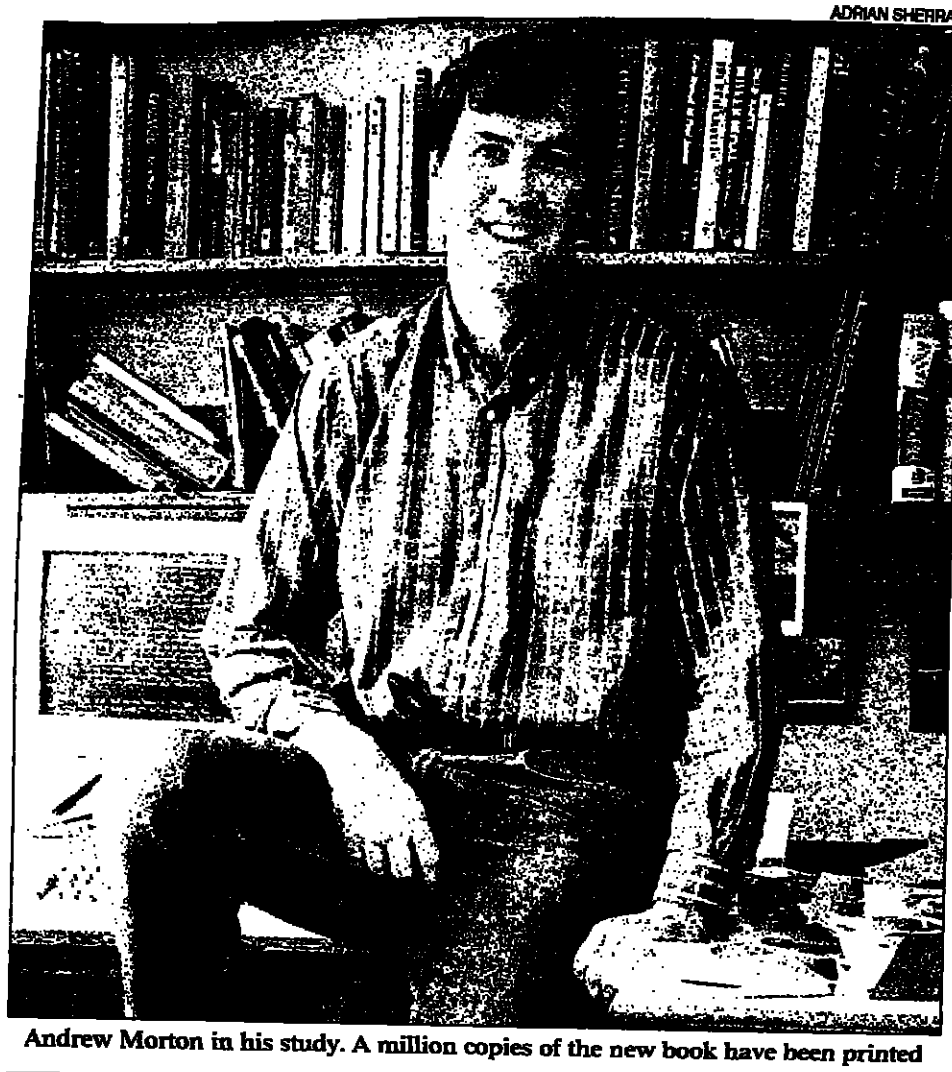

Andrew Morton in his study. A million copies of the new book have been printed

Joanna Bale and **Daniel McGrory** find mixed reactions to Andrew Morton's book

THE extent of the co-operation by Diana, Princess of Wales, in the production of Andrew Morton's book came as a surprise to many of her friends who were asked by her to co-operate with the author.

Some had been pilloried in 1992 for "gossiping" about the Princess's private life and the book was dismissed as "impertinent". Muriel Stevens, who knew the Princess and was one of those acknowledged as a source in the biography, said it was important that people should know the truth.

Mrs Stevens, said yesterday: "I was quite stunned when she denied that she had cooperated. When Andrew Morton contacted me while writing the book I said I would like to clear it with the Princess before I spoke to him. I rang Buckingham Palace and was put through to the Princess of Wales's office. The answer I got was, 'Yes, this is an official book, the Princess is more than happy for you to talk to Mr Morton to confirm what she has told him'.

"I guessed she had spoken to him herself because certain things he mentioned to me could only have come from her." Mrs Stevens, who is chief executive of the British Allergy Foundation, kept in touch with the Princess after meeting her when she did voluntary work as a schoolgirl with patients with learning difficulties at the Darenth Park Hospital in Kent, which is now closed. Delissa Needham, an old schoolfriend of the Princess who was also a source for the book, said: "I can understand the criticism that it may be too soon after her death, but when is too soon and when is too late? Andrew Morton has just told the truth and people want to know the truth about Diana."

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Michael Nash, a lecturer in law at Norwich City College who wrote the last chapter of the original book about the constitutional implications of a royal divorce, said: "It's only a month since she died and everything is still very painful, but sometimes these things have to be done quickly to set the record straight.

"Buckingham Palace likes to keep anything like this in a low profile, but we are in an era when things are much more open — an era that the Palace has not yet adjusted to. I worked very closely with Andrew and I knew his sources were unimpeachable, but I never realised that the Princess was actually correcting proofs."

Other former friends of the Princess who were sources for the book declined to comment yesterday. James Gilbey, whose intimate conversation with the Princess was featured in the "Squidgy" tapes, said: "We have always maintained our silence over this matter. It was a matter of confidence then and it remains so now."

Lord St John of Fawsley said he had not known that the Princess was so closely involved with the production of the book, but commented: "It was clear from careful reading that the Princess had played some part in it. Clearly this was much greater than we ever imagined."

Muriel Stevens checked with Princess's office

A spokeswoman for Earl Spencer, the Princess's brother, said he did not wish to comment. Mr Morton's disclosure was condemned last night by former MP James Hill, who was chairman of the Constitutional Affairs Committee at the time of the Princess's divorce. "This will only cause more needless pain to the young princes and others so an author can make money.

"I have recommended to Her Majesty before and will do so again now that the Royal Family should use the courts of law to protect themselves from what is sure to be an avalanche of Diana books all making outrageous claims that she clearly cannot deny."

Lord Blake said: "I don't think this will add anything and it is too soon after her death for such disclosures."

The revised book was denounced as "despicable, shameful and cynical" by Tory MP Teresa Gorman. Mrs Gorman, MP for Billericay, said: "The Princess was hunted in life and now she is haunted in death. This is a cynical and shameful attempt to exploit her memory from beyond the grave and to regenerate sales. It is as bad as anything the cameramen ever did to chase her. "To do this at this time seems to me exactly what we were promised the press would not do, which is to exploit people's confidences and private matters." Mrs Gorman said this underlined the necessity for some kind of privacy legislation. This is no better than those people who were prepared to make money out of her life when she was alive. Now if this is to start happening when she is the other side of the grave, it is even more dreadful."

> ‘I never realised the Princess was actually correcting proofs’

Sir Teddy Taylor, Tory MP for Southend East and Rochford, said: "I think it is cold and unfeeling for Mr Morton to make these controversial disclosures after the tragic death of the Princess. Everyone knew she was going through a great deal of torment, and in my view it seems that the whole business is simply another ploy to boost sales for the book.

"I think that Mr Morton should have said nothing at all. And I hope that on reflection he will realise that what he has done is not the action of a perfect English gentleman."

Peter Luff, Conservative MP for Mid-Worcestershire, commented: "This has left a pretty nasty taste in my mouth. Presumably, if the Princess had wanted her autobiography to be written and had used Mr Morton as a ghost writer she would have done it that way. I find it rather surprising that he should have chosen this moment to make these revelations."

Ann Winterton, Conservative MP for Congleton, said: "I very much regret that Andrew Morton has made known the fact of the Princess's involvement in his book. Following the sad death of the Princess it seems to me to lack integrity and honour to give information which, if she had wanted it to be known, would have herself made it known during her lifetime."

Mr Morton wrote in yesterday's *Times* that his revised edition was to allow historians and the public a greater understanding of the troubled Princess. He would not name the intermediary who presented his written questions and collected the Princess's candid responses. According to Mr Morton, the Princess authorised every revelation and personally approved every page of the original book. He said she read the manuscript, made detailed changes to it in her own hand and supplied photographs from family albums. She even supplied names and details for captions to the family photographs and chose the famous cover picture, the author claimed. The publishers, Michael O'Mara, said both themselves and Mr Morton would be making a "substantial" donation to landmine victims from the proceeds of the new book which goes on sale next week.

A spokeswoman said details had not yet been finalised and an announcement was set to be made before the book's publication in Britain next Monday.

She said a million copies of the book had already been printed worldwide to cope with the huge demand across Europe and in English-speaking countries such as the United States and Australia.

Princess denial

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friendship". The Princess kept the true extent of her involvement in this book from most of her closest confidants, including the writer Clive James.

She once told him over lunch: "I really had nothing to do with that Andrew Morton book ... but after my friends talked to him, I had to stand by them."

Such revelations along with proof of the Princess's intimate involvement with the author Andrew Morton will disturb many in the Royal Family who were given assurances by the Princess at the time that she had played no part in the book's preparation.

At one stage Sir Robert Fellowes, the Queen's Private Secretary and the husband of her sister Lady Jane Spencer, had visited the Princess at home in Kensington Palace to seek a written assurance that she was not involved.

"The Palace knew it had to mount a defence and the most effective was to be able to say that the Princess knew nothing about this and the book was all hearsay and gossip," a former senior palace aide said last night.

"She gave a categoric denial to him verbally. She later repeated this in front of the Queen and other members of the Royal Family. It is fair to say that some members did harbour suspicions that Diana may have allowed her friends to co-operate, but I do not believe anyone thought she was so closely involved, that she corrected the manuscript."

CORRECTIONS

☐ Our report (September 19) of the FA charges against Bruce Grobbelaar and Hans Segers claimed that they had admitted in court taking money for forecasting matches in which they had played. We are glad to make it clear, and we accept, that neither did so. Grobbelaar accepted that he forecast English matches; Segers that he forecast Dutch matches, and occasionally supplied information about English matches.

☐ Mrs Vera May, breeder of British bulldogs, does not support Ken Mollett in his efforts to cross the breed, contrary to a report of September 25.

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Nancy goes and spoils it all for Old Blue Eyes

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

AN UNSEEMLY "inheritance war" has erupted within the family of Frank Sinatra, pitting the 81-year-old singer's three children — Tina, Frank Jr, and Nancy — against his fourth wife, Barbara.

Just when Sinatra, who suffers from chronic heart trouble, should be enjoying his last years in peace, so the rivals for for his vast fortune *appear to be girding themselves* to do battle over his $200 million (£124 million) fortune.

According to *The Wall Street Journal*, skirmishes have been raging all year between Tina, Sinatra's youngest daughter, and Mrs Sinatra, over the merchandising of the entertainer's name on ties, pasta sauce, Californian sparkling wine, "singing" porcelain souvenir plates (embedded with a computer chip that carries Sinatra's voice), and other products of questionable taste.

Tina Sinatra, 49, is the chief executive of Sheffield Enterprises Inc, formed some years ago by Sinatra to license his name and likeness. She styles herself as the "keeper of the Sinatra flame" and has, on more than one occasion, said: "I *am* Frank Sinatra".

Tina and her siblings — Nancy, 57, who recorded *Something Stupid* with her father, and Frank Jr, who was his father's conductor from the *late 1980s until his most recent* performance, in December 1994 — also own Reprise Records, which controls the rights to all Sinatra's recordings made between 1960 and 1988. These include such favourites as *Fly Me to the Moon* and *Strangers in the Night*.

Facing them is Mrs Sinatra, 70, who, if his *embittered children* are to be believed, holds Sinatra "hostage". She dismisses these accusations as "sheer nonsense". Indeed, there appears *to be no prima facie evidence* that Mr and Mrs Sinatra are anything but "very much in love".

Frank Jr was his father's conductor until 1994

Mrs Sinatra, who counts as *a formidable ally her son from* a previous marriage, Robert Marx, has no official role in either Sheffield Enterprises or Reprise Records. Yet she is making a fortune from a contract her husband signed in 1993 with Capitol Records. The agreement gives her royalties of 20 per cent on sales, regarded here as an exceptionally high figure, and her bank account has prospered from the success of the singer's recent double album *Duets*. These have sold about 3.7 million copies in America alone.

Mrs Sinatra has also begun *to manage reissues of early* Sinatra music, particularly from the 1940s, when he ruled the airwaves with the Tommy Dorsey Band. Although the *singer's children do not have* sole rights over any pre-1960 songs, they feel they have a moral claim.

Tensions boiled over earlier *this year when the children* threatened to sue Mrs Sinatra (and, by extension, their own father) over a record released to commemmorate his 80th birthday. Called *Live in Concert*, and produced by Capitol *records*, the album consisted of performances recorded since 1987, including such Sinatra staples as *My Way*, *New York, New York* and *My Heart Stood Still — songs to* which the children hold sole rights.

Legal action did not, in the end, ensue, but the threat left a *bitter taste which is unlikely to* be erased. The conflict was exacerbated further by a bizarre wrangle over a "commemorative Frank Sinatra *neck-tie*". *Mrs Sinatra*, clearly more comfortable with the image of an elderly man, wanted the tie emblazoned with pictures of Sinatra as he *is now*. She chose a photograph herself, in which Sinatra, smiling, sports a dapper silver toupee.

Tina, it is said, exploded with rage when she learned of her rival's choice. In the resulting "neck-tie battle", Mrs Sinatra lost and the tie featured a raffish Sinatra from the 1960s.

Mrs Sinatra, however, can be said to have won the "neck-tie war". The tie bombed and was withdrawn from the shelves after pitiful sales. Inexplicably, Tina and her siblings are blaming Mrs Sinatra for the tie's failure.

GREG DeGUIRE

Sinatra and his fourth wife Barbara at a gala celebrating his 80th birthday. He suffers from chronic heart trouble

Tina and Nancy Sinatra claim that they and their brother should inherit the singer's $200m fortune

Mother's plea ends nurse's jail fast

LUCILLE McLAUCHLAN, the nurse who was sentenced to 500 lashes and eight years in jail in Saudi Arabia, agreed *to call off her hunger strike* only after a despairing plea from her mother.

Ann McLauchlan sent her daughter a handwritten message, begging her not to endanger her life.

McLauchlan and Deborah Parry, 38, who faces the death penalty over the murder of Yvonne Gilford, a colleague, last October, are said to be "deeply depressed".

McLauchlan sent a message to her parents and her fiancé *in Dundee* telling them not to wait as she feared she would never leave Saudi Arabia. The 31-year-old nurse had refused all food within hours of being sentenced last week when she was not allowed to telephone home.

McLauchlan had told the prison authorities she would *starve until she was allowed to* call her parents. Although she is entitled under Saudi rules to a call once she has been sentenced, she still has not *been allowed to make her call.*

Two face jail for crowbar attack on babysitter

BY A STAFF REPORTER

AN EVENING'S babysitting ended in terror for a 20-year-old woman after two attackers *tricked their* way into her home.

Patricia Harrison-Foody, a beautician, was caring for a friend's daughter when she *heard a knock at the front* door. She opened it to find a shoeless woman pleading for help. Suddenly, the woman forced her way in, closely followed by a man who had been in the shadows.

Her friend's five-year-old daughter screamed in terror as Miss Harrison-Foody fought the two crowbar-wielding attackers, Southwark Crown Court was told.

She was held face down by one as the other *struck her* repeatedly and slashed her *with broken glass*. After stealing her clothes, jewellery and other possessions, they said that she would be shot if she went to the police.

She ignored the threat *only* to be subjected to a campaign of fear *by the pair, the* court was told. In the dock were Tracy Martin, 21, a mother of one, and Omar Khodja, 23, who variously admitted causing actual bodily harm, *theft* and three counts of intimidation. A not guilty plea to robbery was accepted.

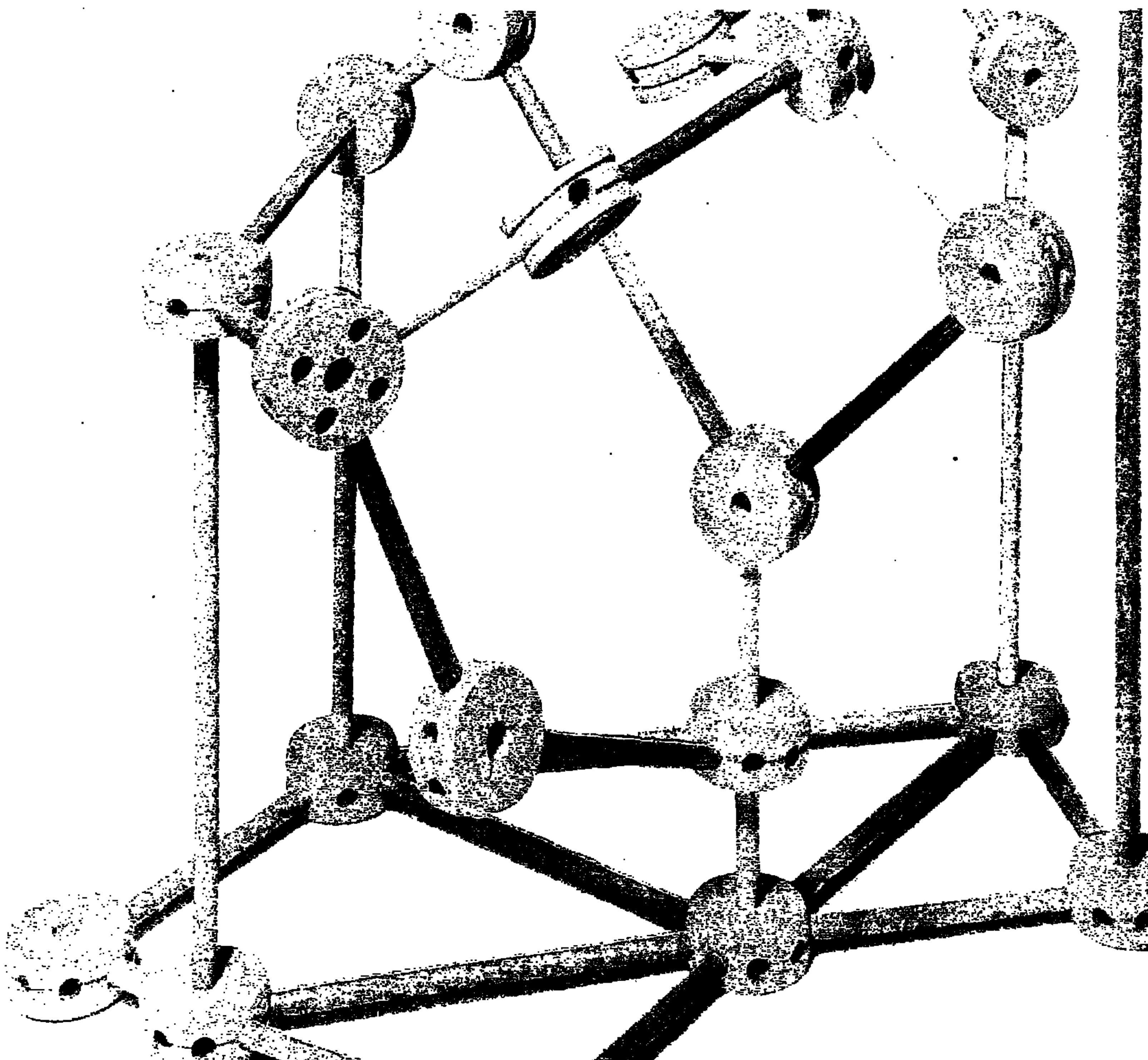
The *noise of the attack* woke the girl, who climbed out of bed to find out what was going on. *She saw the sobbing* babysitter hit over the head with a glass vase and then slashed across the arms with one of the shards.

James Dennison, for the prosecution, said that Martin bit Miss Harrison-Foody on the arm and told her she now had Aids. Then, as Martin ransacked the bedroom, Khodja held his victim face *down on the sofa* "tapping the crowbar against her head". Miss Harrison-Foody later told police: "I really thought that I was going to be killed."

Despite the shooting threat, she rushed to the nearest *callbox and dialled* 999. Martin and Khodja were arrested at the home they shared in Thamesmead, southeast London, a few days later.

That night the babysitter received the first of three *night-time telephone calls* — one from Khodja, two from Martin — warning her not to go on with the case. Mr Dennison said Miss Harrison-Foody's ordeal left her unable to go to work at *Harrods for two months*, and she wanted to leave her home.

Mr Recorder Anthony Hilton, QC, remanded Martin and Khodja in custody until October 10 for pre-sentence reports. He said that a jail term *was inevitable*.



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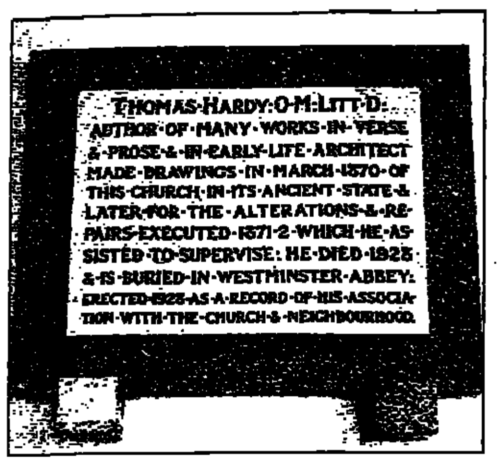
Thieves rip altar from Hardy church

Emma Gifford, later Hardy's wife, met him at St Juliot's. A plaque records his visit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SAM MORGAN MOORE

Philip Taylor, churchwarden at St Juliot's, inspecting damage by the thieves: "When I saw the destruction, I could almost have cried"

The *parish* where the novelist fell in love is the latest victim of a gang roaming the West Country, reports **Simon de Bruxelles**

A CORNISH church immortalised by Thomas Hardy has had its altar stolen. St Juliot's near Boscastle is the latest in a series of remote West Country churches to be targeted by thieves feeding a market for artefacts and furniture with a religious connection.

Besides the altar table and cloth, the thieves stole two wooden bishop's chairs, a 20in crucifix, two brass vases and two brass candlesticks, worth a total of £2,000. Like most churches in Cornwall, it had been left unlocked.

A Victorian safe that had been unused for decades was prised from the vestry wall with a pickaxe and abandoned when the thieves realised the church plate was stored elsewhere.

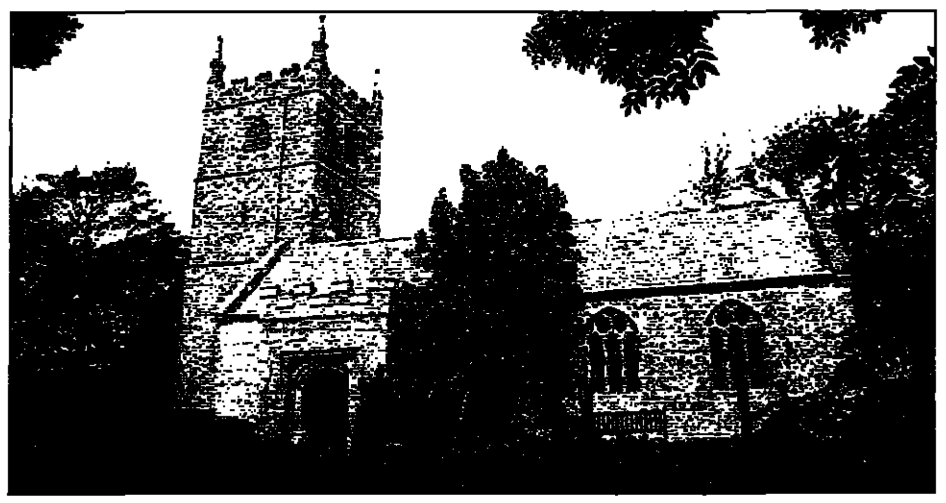
Hardy was sent to St Juliot's as a young draughtsman in 1870 to draw up plans for the restoration of the 15th-century church. He fell in love with the rector's sister-in-law, Emma Gifford, and they married four years later.

Olive Blackburn, a leading member of the Thomas Hardy Society, who recently visited Boscastle with 40 other enthusiasts, said: "I'm sure Hardy would have found it sickening." Hardy, who was born in 1840, arrived at St Juliot's at a critical period in his career as an author. Mrs Blackburn said: "He felt like giving it all up because he wasn't getting anywhere. Then he met Emma Gifford. They had a lot in common. They were both artistic, particularly with their love for music. It was she that persuaded him to continue with his writing."

Miss Gifford's parents were against the match because Hardy was making little money. But she stuck by him and in 1874, the year that *Far from the Madding Crowd* was published, they married in London.

His period in Cornwall was described in his most autobiographical novel, *A Pair of Blue Eyes*, in which he wrote of the church: "The lonely edifice was black and bare, cutting up into the sky from the profile of the hill . . . of one substance with the ridge, rather than a structure raised thereon." He also recreated St Juliot's and its magical setting nearly 40 years later in his most poignant group of poems, the *Veretis vestigiae flammae (Vestiges of an Old Flame)*.

More than 20 Cornish churches have been raided over the past few months. Police believe the same culprits were responsible for many of the attacks. A spokesman for Devon and Cornwall Constabulary said: "These crimes are clearly connected, but the culprit is chancing his luck with whatever he finds. Sometimes it's just been food, in which case a lot of damage was done. At other times, as with St Juliot's, he took away a lot more."



Artefacts worth £2,000 were taken from the unlocked 15th-century Cornish church

Philip Taylor, St Juliot's churchwarden, said he was devastated when he discovered the break-in on Friday afternoon. "I'm extremely fond of the church. When I came into the church and saw the destruction and damage that had been caused, I could almost have cried. It's the worst thing to have happened to the church in 600 years."

Jeremy Dowling, spokesman for Truro Diocese, said: "In this county, we do not want to lock our churches. They are meant to be open for those people who need a moment of prayer or quiet contemplation. But the guidelines are quite strict. St Juliot's is insured, but we recommend that all valuables are removed when there is no service."

Other recent targets include St Sidwel's, Launceston, which was broken into last week by thieves who caused several hundred pounds of damage and stole several items. At St Ladoca, Ladock, £100 damage was caused when the collection box was forced open. Thieves caused £1,500 damage at St Gulval's, Penzance, on Thursday when they smashed through the main stained-glass window, yet found nothing more to steal than a packet of biscuits. The Rev Alan Toy said: "When the church is damaged or violated in this way, people feel a personal violation, just as though it was their own home that was burgled."

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Vandalism and theft cost insurer £5 million a year

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE latest figures on church theft reveal that the days when churches were considered sacrosanct, even by criminals, are long gone.

Thefts and other attacks on churches have risen by more than 50 per cent in the past eight years, and are still increasing. Arson, theft and vandalism on Church of England buildings alone costs the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, which covers most of them, £5 million a year.

On average there are 17 attacks a day on churches. Arson accounts for nearly half the insurance costs, although vandalism and theft represent 99 per cent of the attacks.

Brian King, of Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, said that the true cost was far higher than the cost to insurers. "Most church valuables are insured for their replacement and not their antique value," he said.

"If a silver Jacobean chalice is stolen, we replace it only with a modern chalice. The loss to our heritage is the real hidden cost of this. Most churches would not be able to afford the cost of insuring something for its antique value."

Churches are now introducing schemes along the lines of neighbourhood watch with the co-operation of the local police. Churches in the Liverpool, Coventry and Bath and Wells dioceses are protected by church watch schemes. Closed-circuit television and infra-red burglary protection have been installed in some churches and, increasingly, valuable goods are locked away and replicas put on display.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Only half of new tax forms returned

Only about half of the eight million people who have to fill in tax returns will have met today's 5pm deadline for returning the new self-assessment forms. By last Friday evening, 3.9 million had returned the forms, which were despatched in the spring. An Inland Revenue spokeswoman said: "We have had the response so far that we expected."

If taxpayers mark the envelope "delivered by hand" and push it through a tax office letterbox overnight, the return will be treated as having arrived on time. Those who miss the deadline have until January 31 to return the forms before an automatic £100 penalty is imposed, followed by another £100 fine six months later for non-return.

Schoolgirl dies

A schoolgirl died after she hit her head in a 20 ft-fall from a conker tree. Jenna Ellis, 11, had climbed the horse chestnut tree with friends near her home in Liverpool. Last week Marc Abbott, 8, died after falling from a conker tree near his home in Wigan. An inquest into Jenna's death is to be opened today.

Bank reprieve

Residents have won a reprieve for the only bank left in Britain's smallest town. Barclays agreed to put off closure of its branch at Llanwrtyd Wells, Powys, after 30 protesters, including the mayor, staged a demonstration in Cardiff over the cost-cutting move. The town has fewer than 700 residents.

Fresh start

Captain Valentine Strasser, 32, military dictator of Sierra Leone for four years after a coup in 1992, started his first day of studies at Warwick University. Officials said that protests at his human rights record had died down and that students and lecturers had accepted his presence. Captain Strasser is studying law.

Missing bricks

Security on the Marquess of Tavistock's Woburn estate is to be increased after thieves demolished an isolated farmhouse. The 10,000 bricks which comprised the front wall of the deserted 1850 cottage are estimated to be worth £50,000 and may have been stolen to order. Copper piping was also removed.

Aspirin a day

More than 3,000 strokes and heart attacks a year could be prevented or postponed if those at risk took an aspirin a day, according to a survey marking the start of Stroke Week. The survey, by the Stroke Association, found that 15 per cent of stroke patients who knew they had high blood pressure were not taking drugs.

£190,000 in bag

An auction of more than 350 unwanted items from Fasque, the ancestral home in north-east Scotland of William Gladstone, raised £190,000. A pair of 19th-century leather armchairs fetched £6,000. The proceeds will be used to renovate the house, now owned by the Liberal statesman's great-great-grandson.

Tram injuries

Two people were taken to hospital yesterday after a tram and a bus collided in Manchester city centre. The tram driver and a man of 76 suffered neck injuries in the crash on Balloon Street. "We don't know yet what happened or who was responsible," said a spokesman for the Metrolink tram service.

Stour unlocked

John Constable, a descendant of the painter, unveiled a plaque at the opening of a new lock on the Stour. The lock, at Great Cornard, Suffolk, was funded partly by the Millennium Commission. It will enable boats to go upstream through the heart of countryside made famous in the paintings of Constable.

Men 'dictate pace of human evolution'

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

MEN are the dominant sex as far as evolution is concerned, new research in Sweden has confirmed.

The random mutations behind evolution are more likely to occur to sperm than to eggs, because producing sperm involves many more cell divisions, each of which can introduce a mutation. It is those changes — mostly damaging, but occasionally beneficial — which act in conjunction with changes in the environment to allow species to evolve.

By the age of 30, the sperm cells from a man have undergone 400 rounds of cell division, while egg cells require only 24 divisions, regardless of the age of the mother. As at each division the DNA in the genes has to be faithfully copied, there is clearly a much greater chance of errors in sperm than in eggs.

By analysing the mutation rate in birds, two scientists at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala have shown that males really are the source of more mutations.

There is a price to pay, Dr James Crow of the University of Wisconsin in Madison writes in *Nature Genetics*. Older fathers are more likely to have children with inherited diseases, which derive from accumulated errors in their fathers' sperm.

Broken homes encourage girls into early pregnancy

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

WOMEN from divorced families are nearly twice as likely to become teenage mothers as those who grew up with both parents, according to research published yesterday. Men whose parents divorce are also more likely to have fathered a child by the age of 22.

The study, by Kathleen Kiernan of the Centre for the Analysis of Social Exclusion at the London School of Economics, shows that while parental divorce appears to have lasting and profound effects on people's emotional development and their ability to form lasting relationships, it has less of an impact on their economic and educational achievements. The research found that 25 per cent of women with divorced parents had become teenage mothers, compared with 14 per cent of those whose parents stayed together. Twenty three per cent of men from the same background had fathered a child by the age of 22, compared with 13 per cent of those from stable family backgrounds.

Four out of ten men and women whose parents split up when they were children had seen their first marriage or cohabitation break down by the time they were 33, compared with three out of ten people whose parents had stayed together. As many as 48 per cent of women and 19 per cent of men from disrupted families had begun their first live-in partnership during their teens compared with 29 per cent of women and 10 per cent of men brought up by both parents.

"The greater likelihood of starting a live-in relationship as a teenager or becoming a parent before the age of 21 may well be directly linked to parental separation during childhood . . . children of these unions carry a legacy of doubt and vulnerability about forming and maintaining long-term relationships," Dr Kiernan said.

Death and bubbly on the road to victory

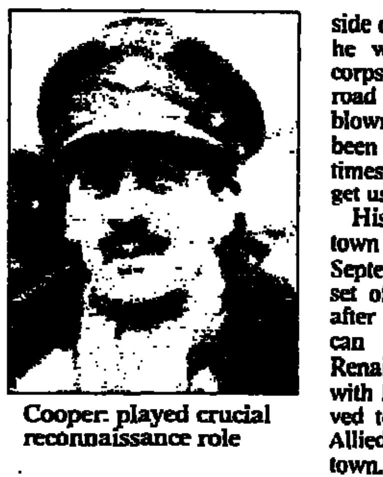
BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Second World War was no picnic for Derek Cooper. The British officer known as the Irish Pimpernel single-handedly liberated a Belgian town, gathered crucial intelligence on key battles and survived ambushes and accidents. Actually, some of it was a picnic. He also drank more bottles of champagne than he could remember.

Cooper's extraordinary war is revealed in a diary written while he and his regiment, the 2nd Household Cavalry, advanced across Europe after the D-Day landings in 1944.

Captain Cooper, who served first as a liaison officer, then as second-in-command of a sabre squadron, played a courageous and crucial reconnaissance role. He was one of about five officers whose job was to keep in contact with neighbouring formations and to report information back to the regiment. While driving swiftly from one unit to another, he braved ambushes and firefights, once falling in his scout car through a bridge into a river. He was also forced to endure the French citizenry swamping him with kisses and champagne.

In his diary, now published as a book, *Dangerous Liaison* (Michael Russell), he describes a party in a chateau at the end of the Ardennes battle when 50 bottles of champagne and nine of brandy were "disposed of" by 11 officers and 11 girls — with some help from the servants.



Cooper: played crucial reconnaissance role

While desperately trying to relieve the British 1st Airborne Division at Arnhem, Captain Cooper notes: "Rather good lunch of pork chops and onions taken from the huge supply dump we captured at Oss."

The diaries also contain many references to the darker side of war. On September 11 he wrote: "There was one corpse in the middle of the road whose clothes had been blown off and everything had been run over a hundred times. I don't feel I can ever get used to these sights."

His personal relief of the town of Renaix took place on September 3, 1944, when he set off to find his regiment after liaising with the American forces. He drove to Renaix hoping to meet up with British soldiers but arrived to find he was the first Allied officer to reach the town. One hundred and fifty German troops had just left. "According to the inhabitants we had liberated the town."

The diary entry for July 24 records: "We had dinner at a small cafe — steak and new potatoes, Camembert cheese and cider. Best meal since landing but Germans have drunk all the champagne."

The captain, who was brought up in Northern Ireland and is now aged 85, later won the Military Cross for his leadership and gallantry in the six-day Battle of Jaffa in Israel in 1948.

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Army officers 'sent flowers after gang rape'

Court told case against six men rests on whether student consented to group sex, **Tim Jones** reports

SIX naked Army officers stripped and raped a 23-year-old student after cavorting around her in a sauna, a court was told yesterday. She was taken to a bedroom where each took turns to have sex with her against her will.

Richard Latham, QC, for the prosecution, told a jury at Oxford Crown Court that the central issue of the case was whether the woman, who cannot be identified, consented to group sex.

He said that two days after the attack, at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham, Oxfordshire, the accused had clubbed together to send her a bouquet of flowers with the message: "Sorry about the misunderstanding. Please accept apologies from all involved."

Mr Latham told the court: "On any view, what I am going to describe does no one in this case any credit. You may disapprove of the sexual morality of the complainant and each defendant. Consumption of too much alcohol had a lot to do with what happened. You may consider some actions of the complainant herself to have been foolhardy in the extreme." He told the jury, however: "This is not a court of morals. You must be objective and you must be dispassionate."

Before the court are Captain Philip Bates, 26, of Bordon, Hampshire; Lieutenant Darren Bartlett, 24, of Reading, Berkshire; Officer Cadet Andrew Stout, 20, of Whickham, Gateshead; Officer Cadet Nicholas Oettinger, 20, of Preston, Lancashire; Lieutenant Matthew Tupling, 24, also of Bordon; and Captain Ian Barlow, 29, of Northallerton, north Yorkshire. All six officers deny raping the woman between May 26 and May 29 last year.

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The student, dressed in a white blouse and wearing glasses, told the court she had gone out with Mr Oettinger, Mr Bates and another officer, Lieutenant Rupert Whiting, to a nightclub in Swindon after meeting them through her work as a part-time barmaid.

Mr Latham said that the woman consented to sex with Mr Oettinger in Mr Bates's bedroom at the college, which is part of Cranfield University. Mr Whiting, who is not facing charges, also had intercourse with her.

Mr Latham said that on the afternoon of the gang rape, ten days later, the student and a friend went with a number of the officers to a village fête. She had returned to the college after being persuaded to have a sauna, had undressed in the corridor and entered the small room where she ended up with the six defendants, who were all naked. While she was in the sauna, Mr Latham said, her friend went into the shower where she had sex with Mr Whiting.

He said that Mr Bartlett tried to put his hands between her legs, and Mr Tupling started to urinate on the towel she was wearing. "She responded in strong fashion, called him a bastard and ran into the outer room. The men thought it was funny."

Mr Oettinger, with whom she had had a consenting sexual relationship, had said he would take her to Mr Bates's room so that she could change her clothes. Once there she had started to put her clothes on when the other five, all naked, marched in. As Mr Bates had put a pornographic film on the video, Mr Bartlett had shouted: "Are you into group sex?"

Mr Latham added: "He [Mr Bartlett] pushed her on the bed and straddled her and when she protested told her to enjoy it. Her clothes were taken off . . . all of them tried or had intercourse with her, encouraged by the others."

As the soldiers systematically raped her, Mr Latham said, the complainant, confronted with six naked men had no option but to accede to their demands, although she fought off an attempt to handcuff her.

Beginning her evidence, the student said of the incident in the sauna: "I was not particularly satisfied that the men had no clothes on but I was not completely distressed about the whole thing."

Mr Latham said that afterwards the student was sobbing and told the friend of the rape "within minutes" of them leaving the college. She had told her boyfriend about the incident later that day and disclosed her ordeal to her GP two days later, when she asked for the morning after pill. She had complained to police in November last year, six months later. He said that the soldiers were arrested on December 3.

The case continues.

CLIVE POSTLETHWAITE

Two of the defendants, Officer Cadets Andrew Stout and Nicholas Oettinger, outside Oxford Crown Court yesterday

The other accused, left to right: Captain Ian Barlow, Lieutenants Tupling and Bartlett, and Captain Philip Bates

Mother jailed for defying access order

By FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A WOMAN went to jail yesterday rather than obey a court order that she must let her former partner see their five-year-old son.

The woman, who cannot be identified, was jailed for three months by Judge Downes at the High Court after she refused to obey a court order made in May giving the father limited access to the child. The woman admitted contempt but claimed from the witness box that she was trying to protect her son from his father's "sexual deviancy".

She said the father had made "suggestions of a sexual nature" to her son during an earlier visit. She said that she wanted the court to order that there be no contact at all between them.

Judge Downes said that her allegations had been rejected at an earlier court hearing and there was no justification for her stance. He recognised that a jail sentence could only harm the boy and his two half-sisters, who will be cared for by the woman's family in her absence, and had done everything he could to avoid it. But the Northampton woman, who is in her thirties, had "held a gun to the court's head" by her "persistent intransigence".

"I have tried to persuade her that there are better ways of dealing with this situation, but it's quite clear to me that she is setting her face against the court. The court is concerned about the interests of the boy and his right to see his father."

Paul Cavadino, of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (Nacro) said: "While courts are understandably concerned to ensure their orders are not flouted, this seems an excessively harsh reaction."

Courts, he added, "must recognise that the welfare of the child is paramount, and repeatedly jailing a mother is hardly likely to promote a child's welfare".

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Brown rules out easing public sector pay freeze

The Chancellor will not give nurses and teachers more than the 3 per cent inflation rise ministers have accepted themselves, reports **Jill Sherman**

GORDON BROWN made clear yesterday that he would not bow to the demands of nurses, teachers and other public sector workers in the next round of pay settlements.

The Chancellor indicated that he would extend the freeze on the public sector wage bill for at least the next two years, and gave a warning that the clampdown on public spending could be extended to a third year.

Nurses, doctors and other public service workers were unlikely to get more than the 3 per cent inflation rise which Cabinet ministers have just decided to take themselves. Pay settlements "right across the board" would be guided by firmness and fairness, he said. "And in our spending decisions, fairness will be our test."

He came under attack from Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of Unison, the public sector union, who said: "Gordon, it must be possible to be credible and radical and still aspire to decent wages for people whose skills and efforts make us a civilised society."

Treasury officials disclosed that the spending round, when ministers bid for extra money, would be abandoned for a further year. Although the Chancellor has already agreed to keep to the Tories' spending plans for two years, ministers had hoped to be able to influence spending priorities.

Yesterday's tough message came during Mr Brown's conference speech when he made clear that the Government would not make the same mistakes of Labour administrations in 1964 and 1974. "It is only by being prudent and disciplined now — building a platform for long-term stability — that we will be able to deliver the people's priorities for health and education in the years ahead."

Mr Brown used his speech to announce his ambition of achieving full employment in the next century. Aides explained that the initial aim was to secure an employment opportunity for all under the "New Deal" programme to put the 18 to 25-year-olds into work.

The Chancellor said his aim was for a Britain where no life was wasted by unemployment and, to achieve that, modernisation of the party had to be followed by modernisation of Britain.

It would take the form of modernisation of the economy, opening it up to more competition and dynamism, transforming education into life-long learning and making the welfare state a platform of opportunity for all.He also suggested that the next Budget would include the introduction of a 10p tax and new tax credits for the low paid, put directly into wage packets.

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Modernisation of the economy was not about image but about substance. "It starts not with pump-priming but prudence, not dashes for growth but discipline, not free-for-alls but responsibility: not rejection of change but a more flexible welfare state and labour market.

"This root-and-branch modernisation of our economy with a new welfare state is the modern way, the only way, the new Labour way to achieve what we have always sought and what I affirm as our goal today: employment opportunity for all in every part of Britain: full employment for the 21st century — the ambition of decent-minded people everywhere."Mr Brown's Iron Chancellor message probably robbed him of the standing ovation like the one he received last year. But the Chancellor was optimistic that the economy could be back on track as early as next year, based on his deficit reduction plan for public borrowing, reforms to the Bank of England and the necessary interest rate rise.

The economic debate was more muted than previous years, with most delegates prepared to give their new Chancellor the benefit of the doubt. Ken Jackson of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union said that, by achieving economic stability, Labour would win the right to a second term in office.

"They will have earned the trust of the British electorate - the economist, the doctor, the banker, the shop worker, the teacher and the train driver," Mr Jackson said. The unions had championed partnerships between the public and private sectors before the Tories had.

There were calls for the Government to review the Private Finance Initiative and to ease spending restrictions in the public sector instead of keeping rigidly to the limits set by the Tories.

☐ *Additional reporting by Polly Newton*

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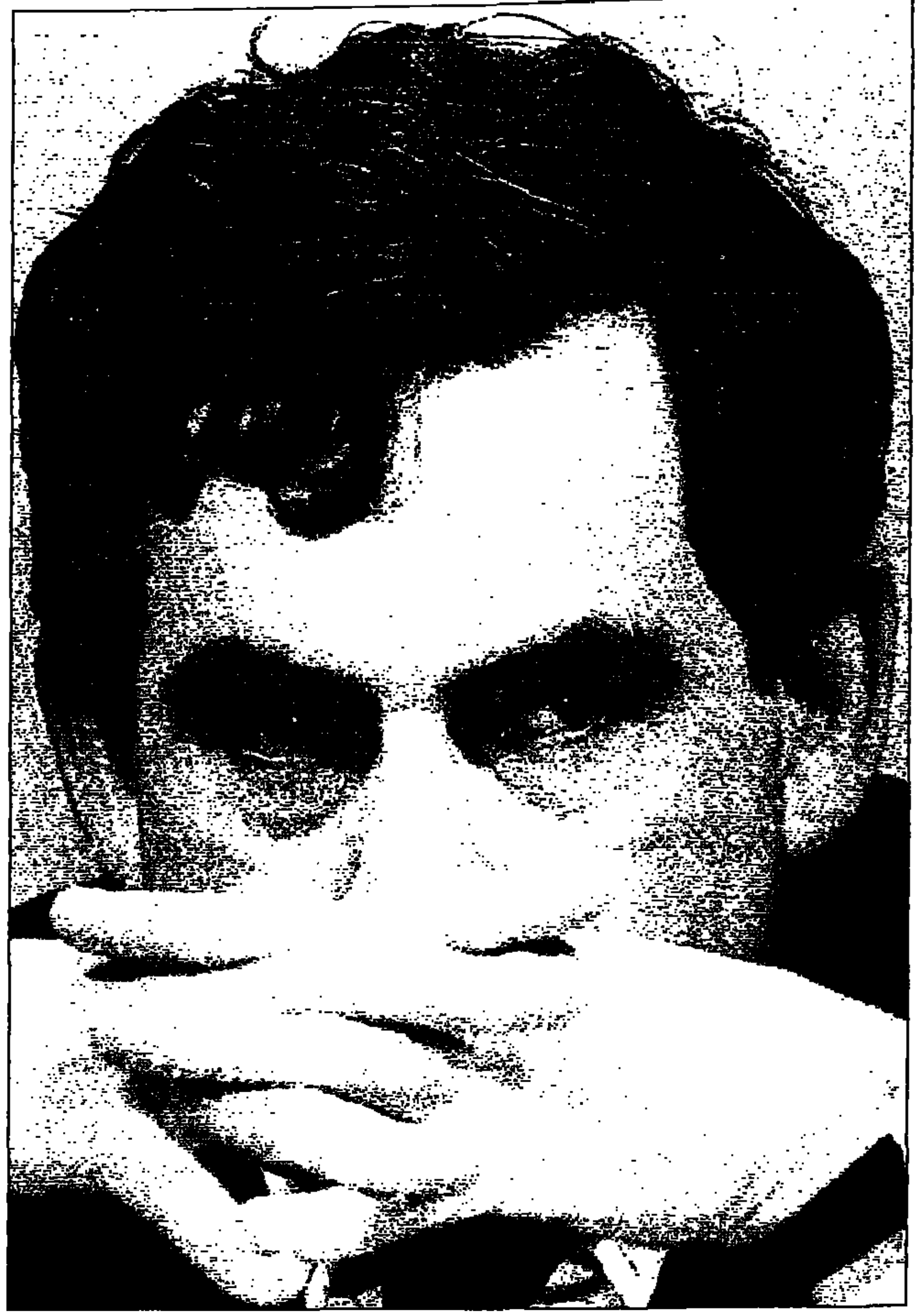

Mr Brown listening to speeches yesterday. His own was denied a standing ovation

Minimum pay must cover all ages, says Unison

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

THE largest union affiliated to the Labour Party told Tony Blair yesterday that it would be unthinkable for the Government to exempt people under 25 from the proposed statutory minimum wage.

The warning from Unison, the public services union, clearly indicates trade union anger at the Government's plan. Margaret Beckett, the President of the Board of Trade, has instructed the Low Pay Commission, which is charged with recommending a minimum wage rate, to consider the exemption.

Rodney Bickerstaffe, the Unison general secretary, yesterday said that it would be unthinkable for a Labour Government to exclude so many people from the protection of a minimum wage. He told a Low Pay Unit fringe meeting that the move was hardly designed to increase Labour's vote among young people at the next general election.

There was no evidence that excluding people up to such a high age would protect or increase employment, he added. If there was to be a debate about the exclusion, it was his and the unions' job in dealing with such a proposal to "knock it back".

After the disclosure by *The Times* of Mrs Beckett's action, Mr Bickerstaffe and other union leaders contacted her department privately on the issue. He suggested yesterday that he had been assured that the Government was not yet fixed firmly to the proposal.

But union leaders and low pay campaigners believe that the option's inclusion in the specific terms of reference for the commission, rather than as a general point by ministers or their advisers, is likely to be fully taken into account by the commission when recommending a rate to the Prime Minister next spring.

Christopher Haskins, chairman of Northern Foods, suggested that businesses in some sectors might use such a level as an excuse for employing only workers under the age of 25.

New Labour message sounds reassuringly old

RIDDELL
ON POLITICS

GORDON BROWN knows how to bridge old and new Labour. Peter Mandelson could but does not wish to. That was starkly shown yesterday by the contrasting fates of the two main architects of Blairism. Mr Brown was able to deliver a new Labour message on economic policy in language reassuring to old Labour, while Mr Mandelson's attempt to win the support of the party's ordinary members for election to the national executive committee failed.

The defeat of Mr Mandelson by Ken Livingstone, the epitome of the old Labour Left in London, is mainly of symbolic importance, though nonetheless striking and headline-catching for all that. It will not affect the Minister without Portfolio's position within the Government, or the high respect which Tony Blair has for him and his strategic insights. Indeed, Mr Blair may feel that Mr Mandelson took an unnecessary quixotic gamble given that the NEC post carries no power and will disappear under the "Partnership in Power" changes for reforming the party's structure approved yesterday. Mr Mandelson is still likely to enter the Cabinet at the first reshuffle.

Nonetheless, yesterday's vote is a serious setback for Mr Mandelson's attempt to "break free" from Mr Blair. It is misleading to see the result as merely a rebuff for new Labour. But it is odd, as well as cruel, that the single politician most responsible for the ten year strategy leading up to the victory being celebrated in Brighton has been so publicly rejected. Some of the private glee of his colleagues last night was hypocritical. Many owe their current prominence to him.

But personal factors obviously played a part — notably Mr Mandelson's role as a highly partisan fixer, whether fighting Tories or internal party opponents. This is not an appealing public image. He is himself partly responsible by appearing to cultivate his "Prince of Darkness" reputation, and Mr Blair has not allowed his close adviser to develop his own political base. Mr Mandelson is now more than ever tied to Mr Blair. He can win elections for other people but not for himself.

By contrast, Mr Brown has always had his own role and style, distinct from his leader. While Mr Blair has presented his approach in consciously "new" terms, Mr Brown has sought to appeal to old Labour as well, particularly in his annual conference speeches. He has tried to show that fiscal austerity and public spending discipline is compatible with "Labour's enduring values . . . great ideals". He depicted himself yesterday as a successor to Keir Hardie and Aneurin Bevan.

His most striking pledge yesterday was to reaffirm the aims of the 1945 Government for "high and sustainable levels of growth and employment . . . full employment for the 21st century".

But this did not mean a return to the Keynesian goals and policies of the thirty years after 1945. He specifically argued that, "just as you cannot spendg your way out of recession, you cannot, in a global economy, simply spend your way through a recovery either".

Mr Brown has in effect redefined full employment — as an objective not of macro-economic but rather of micro-economic policy. The aim now is to provide employment opportunities for all who want them via actions to help the young unemployed, the long-term jobless, lone parents and the disabled looking for work. Instead, of boosting demand to meet a target level of low unemployment, we now have a supply-side strategy for "creating opportunities for work". But that will depend on the far-reaching reform of tax and benefits and the welfare system now under way in Whitehall, which will be a central theme of Mr Blair's speech this afternoon.

The Chancellor's speech yesterday was low key, and seldom excited the conference. There is still an air of unreality, of not fully adjusting to Labour being in government rather than in opposition.

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Activists back reforms that will end secret policy deals

By Jill Sherman
and James Landale

TONY BLAIR's plans for sweeping reforms of Labour's policymaking structures won overwhelming backing from conference delegates, despite strong criticism from those wanting to defer the decision for another year.

The proposals will give the party conference less influence over policy and allow Mr Blair more control over the National Executive Committee, the party's ruling body, although grassroots members will have a bigger input.

Delegates backed the main reforms but trade unions were bought off by a pledge that they would retain a 50 per cent share of the vote at conference.

Neverthelesss, about 50 constituency parties supported motions calling on the leadership to defer the proposals for a year until they had been properly thought through.

Delegates accused Mr Blair of railroading through the reforms without adequate consultation. They were concerned that the changes would turn the conference into a rubber-stamping event with no opportunity for real debate. But in a series of card votes, the leadership comfortably fought off challenges.

Tom Sawyer, the party's general secretary, claimed that the only way that Labour could banish divisions by radical reforms of party structures. Opening the debate into *Partnership in Power* (the document setting out the reform plans), he said: "After every election, after every single term, the divisions in one form or another have opened up between party and Government and we have lost. We must never let that happen again."

Under the plans there will be a three-year rolling policy programme guided by a revamped National Policy Forum, which will include more ordinary members. The procedure will mark the end of horsetrading in smoke-filled rooms on the eve of party conferences.

Mr Sawyer reassured critics that the policy forum would be extended to include an "extensive" membership from the rank and file to outnumber the Government's members by 30 to one. "The goal of *Partnership in Power* is to create ways of working that promote partnership and not hinder it, that build our party up rather than weigh it down, that engages ordinary members rather than mystifying them."

Karen Turnbull, of the public services union Unison, emphasised that the changes preserved the union link rather than severed it. "These proposals signal very clearly that trade unions are here to stay," she said.

But Ann Black, from Oxford East, was cheered when she urged that the reforms be deferred for a year to allow more time for debate. Cautioning delegates against rushing into change for change's sake, she said: "It is not disloyal to have different views and express them constructively. It is our duty."

Maria Iacovou, from Islington North, backed the call for delay, telling delegates: "We haven't had enough time. Let's make haste slowly. The party should consult widely and develop structures that all members could have a stake in."

Ken Livingstone, MP for Brent East, also called for the reform plans to be deferred. He said he did not want the rights of conference "disappearing into a bureaucracy, where we see people again and again dominated by party apparatchiks in London".

PARTNERSHIP FOR THE 'ORDINARY' MEMBERS

By James Landale

THE *Partnership in Power* reforms make two key changes to the way the party works: on policymaking and on membership of the National Executive Committee.

Tony Blair believes the moves will involve more ordinary party members. Opponents say the changes are designed to block rebel activists causing a row at the new "rally-style" conferences and to prevent leftwingers being elected to the NEC.

Policy: the conference will theoretically remain the party's sovereign policymaking body. Local Labour parties will no longer be able to initiate policy through composite motions and resolutions put to party conference.

Instead, constituency parties, local policy forums, and trade unions will put policy ideas to a new national policy forum, a 175-strong elected body with representatives from across the party.

In practice, the policy discussions will be driven by a powerful steering committee, known as the joint policy committee, headed by the party leader, with equal numbers of ministers and NEC members. The committee will then put the policy documents to conference.

NEC: party activists will no longer be able to vote for MPs to represent them on the NEC. Instead, party members will elect six activists, with three MPs elected by colleagues in Westminster and three ministers appointed by Tony Blair. Although the "women's section" will be scrapped, compensatory new quotas for women have been added.

Under the new system, left-wing MPs are unlikely to win seats because they are less popular among the new Blairite MPs.

Prescott wallows in triumphalism

By Nicholas Watt
Political Correspondent

JOHN PRESCOTT yesterday whipped up Labour's victorious mood for the conference with a rousing speech that reminded activists of their landslide win on May 1.

Laughter and clapping broke out around the onference hall as the Deputy Prime Minister rounded on the Tories, taunted the Liberal Democrats and even dared to mock Tony Blair.

A huge smile broke out across the Prime Minister's face, as he sat a few feet away on the platform, when Mr Prescott said: "Tony reminds us we that we can't be complacent, we can't have any triumphalists. Oh sod it, yes we can. Yes we will. For a few minutes let us enjoy that victory, wallow in that victory." He then turned and said: "Sorry Tony."

Mr Prescott gleefully listed the names of Tory MPs who lost their seats. To cheers, hisses and boos, he said: "We watched the Tories tumble one by one. William Waldegrave, Edwina Currie and David Mellor. We couldn't bring ourselves to go to bed, could we?"

Mr Prescott then turned to the result in Enfield Southgate. "I know you should't kick a man when he is down. But what a great moment it was when Michael Portillo . . ." Clapping drowned out the rest of his sentence. Mr Prescott reeled off the number of Labour MPs — 471 — as he said that Labour had "smashed all the records". However, he mistook the number of MPs — Labour won 418 seats.

Prescott: said Labour "smashed all records"

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How Mandelson underestimated his unpopularity

Andrew Pierce

reports on the minister who decided to gamble . . .

. . . and lost

PETER MANDELSON, who is acknowledged even by his enemies as the shrewdest political strategist of his generation, gambled on the NEC election in a doomed attempt to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather.

The Minister without Portfolio was also trying to secure a power base in the party ahead of a widely expected promotion to the Cabinet. For once the master tactician got it badly wrong.

Mr Mandelson has often been compared with Herbert Morrison. There are physical as well political resemblances between grandson and grandfather. Mr Morrison, an Attlee minister, was for 20 years one of the most important figures in the Labour Party.

Mr Morrison was a key figure behind the 1951 Festival of Britain though its South Bank Arts complex was cheaper than the Millennium Dome that Mr Mandelson is masterminding.

Mr Morrison, like his grandson, was never trusted by his parliamentary colleagues. His last years were unhappy. The trade unions, which have never warmed to Mr Mandelson, turned against him.

But worse was to come. He lost his coveted place on Labour's National Executive Committee. There was a bitter irony in Mr Mandelson's fate yesterday. It was the last time ministers will stand for election to the NEC. Next year they will be appointed.

It has meant that Mr Mandelson, the Minister without Portfolio, has been denied his only chance to secure the legitimacy he craved — an endorsement from the grassroots — for the extraordinary power he wields in the Government.

Mr Mandelson knew he has enemies in the parliamentary party. The left wing resented his carefully cultivated image as an *éminence grise*. They blamed him for the sanitisation of the party conference, which was once a hotbed of dissent and debate.

But he judged, incorrectly, that with Labour at a high point in its fortunes the moment had finally arrived to risk running for a party position by exploiting his role as architect of Labour's stunning election.

He had a powerful friend at court. Tony Blair endorsed the candidacy of his closest political friend and most trusted adviser. Mr Blair had another reason. A defeat for Mr Mandelson would be seen as a setback to his own authority.

His NEC campaign began in August when the Prime Minister was out of the country. He let it be known that he had been left to "mind the shop" with John Prescott. He was everywhere. He indicated that the Royal Yacht *Britannia* would be saved. At the weekend it was confirmed that it was being scrapped.

Mr Mandelson disclosed that the security forces were investigating Chris Patten, the former Governor of Hong Kong. They have yet to interview Mr Patten. He became embroiled in an on-air row with a BBC radio presenter over alleged anti-Labour bias. He dominated the headlines.

It was all about raising his profile to secure name recognition on the NEC ballot slips which would be going out the following month. John Prescott helped when he named a crab after Mr Mandelson.

At first it seemed the strategy had paid off. Even as late as the weekend, aides of the Prime Minister indicated that Mr Mandelson was home and dry. But a fatal mistake had been made. Mr Mandelson had underestimated the depth of his unpopularity.

Most MPs and delegates in Brighton assumed he had won. Few admitted to voting for him or knowing anyone who had. Others declared that they had not bothered to vote in the past but had done so this time to try to stop Mr Mandelson.

The result was a serious blow to his reputation and ego. But there was another bitter twist. Mr Mandelson, who cares more than any other MP about Tony Blair's image, damaged it on the eve of the Prime Minister's victorious conference speech.

If he had secured a seat on the NEC he might have succeeded where his grandfather failed, and gone on to become party leader.

But now it seems that Clare Short, one of his old sparring partners, may finally achieve her wish. Ms Short bemoaned the presence of "dark forces", spin doctors who operated in the shadows. A wounded Mr Mandelson might now take her advice and return to the shadows from which he emerged this summer.

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NEC RESULTS

The votes cast for the seven MPs elected to the NEC by constituency Labour parties are: Robin Cook 118,726; David Blunkett 106,601; Mo Mowlam 105,717; Dennis Skinner 100,268; Ken Livingstone 83,669; Harriet Harman 80,498; Diane Abbott 76,772.

The rest of the NEC comprises: Margaret Prosser, treasurer; John Allen AEEU; Vernon Hince RMT; Derek Hodgson CWU; Diana Holland TGWU; Maggie Jones Unison; John Mitchell GPMU; Frank Murphy Usdaw; Steve Pickering GMB; Richard Rosser TSSA; Mary Turner GMB; Margaret Wall MSF; Christine Wilde Unison; Ian McCartney MP, NULSC. Hillary Armstrong MP, Margaret Beckett MP, Brenda Etchells, Diana Jeuda, and Clare Short MP, are the women's section. Catherine Taylor remains youth representative. Tony Blair and John Prescott also remain on the committee.

IAN WALDIE

Ken Livingstone in the auditorium yesterday. Later he had cause to celebrate after winning a seat on the NEC

Media baffled by the great spin-doctor's vanishing act

By Damian Whitworth

IF LABOUR'S all-knowing, all-seeing one had any inkling of his fate before the National Executive Committee election results were announced yesterday, he didn't say so. In fact, Peter Mandelson was not saying anything. The Minister without Portfolio was also without voice, the sultan of spin was not spinning.

For once everybody wanted to see him, but he didn't want to see everybody. It had been a different story on Sunday night when he gyrated conspicuously across the dance floor at the Young Labour bash. But in the morning he was nowhere to be seen.

Ken Livingstone, who had been billed as Mr Mandelson's chief rival, had accused him of using his high profile to campaign for the job with Labour activists. He said the Minister had enjoyed the equivalent of £10 million worth of free advertising. Yeserday, however, with the polls closed and the result of the vote deemed to be too close to call Mr Mandelson was conspicuous by his absence.

TV crews and photographers ran around the stuffy conference centre in circles looking for pictures, hoping to persuade Mr Mandelson to predict the outcome of the vote. They wanted to know if he was anxious? After all wasn't it his dear wish to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather, Herbert Morrison, who had been a member of the NEC?

A rumour would send them scurrying back to the Metropole Hotel only to be disappointed. A counter rumour had him making a surprise appearance at a fringe meeting. Quite false. He was nowhere in the auditorium when John Prescott made his quip about exchanging words with one or two crabs while out on the election campaign.

Finally at lunchtime the spin-doctor's own spin-doctor was run to ground in his hotel room. Mandelson, he said cheerfully, was in his hotel room too. "He has been working," he said, as if it was the most natural thing in the world for the so-called architect of the great election triumph to skulk all morning in his bedroom while everybody else whooped it up in the conference hall.

Mr Mandelson's man said that he expected his boss would come to watch the Chancellor's speech, as he always did. But he never showed. As the time for the announcment of the results approached there was quite a crowd in the lobby waiting for him finally to appear.

Eventually he did. But only as a flash in the distance as he scuttled out of a back door and zipped across to the conference hall.

He appeared in the auditorium and there were murmurs from the audience. He took a seat in the front row of a block of seats to the side of the stage next to his old friend Neil Kinnock. The two laughed and joked as if Mr Mandelson had come along just to listen to some of Mr Kinnock's rugby stories.

Even when some cheeky party apparatchik allowed a close-up of Mr Mandelson, the great image-shaper himself, to be shown on the big screens he didn't allow his fixed grin to fade. Then the results were announced. He grinned or looked mildly at the screen. There were cheers for Livingstone's result. Much louder ones for his poorer showing.

Still he showed no disappointment. The rivalry between Mr Mandelson and Mr Livingstone over the NEC has a long history stretching back to 1985 when the architect of the 1997 victory, then a television producer, was elected by the committee to be its director of campaigns and communications. He succeeded on the second ballot in defeating one Nita Clarke, Mr Livingstone's then press officer. He had been supported then by Neil Kinnock.

Britain will join EMU, predicts Kinnock

By Nicholas Watt
Political Correspondent

TONY BLAIR'S landslide general election victory had removed any doubt about whether Britain would join the single European currency, Neil Kinnock, the party's former leader, said yesterday.

Speaking at a fringe meeting at the Labour conference, Mr Kinnock said that British entry was now a question of when, not if. In language that contrasted with the caution that ministers have shown, Mr Kinnock, now European Commissioner for Transport, said: "I don't think anyone really has to ask 'if', not since May 1. I don't think there is any doubt that it is possible to overcome the impediments and then there will be entry into the single currency."

Mr Kinnock refused to be drawn on when Britain would sign up. He said that the only answer that could be given was "when the Government feels that it really can recommend to Parliament that that is the right thing in the interests of the United Kingdom".

The former Labour leader, who is being feted in Brighton, was much more confident than his former frontbench colleagues that Britain would join the currency. At the weekend, the Chancellor, and the Foreign Secretary countered suggestions that Britain could take an early decision to sign up. Amid speculation that Britain might join soon after the currency is launched in January 1999, Gordon Brown said it was unlikely that Britain would join in the first wave, adding: "There are formidable obstacles to EMU-entry."

Mr Kinnock also said that more officials should be provided at the Commission in Brussels. Asked by a councillor why applications to Brussels for funding took so long to be processed, he sympathised, blaming a lack of staff. He called for a "tiny amount more" to be spent on staff, because the 17,000 officials in Brussels "scarcely constitutes a sprawling bureaucracy". But he admitted that "there would be merry hell if any proposition were made to add to the 'great bureaucracy in Brussels'."

Dobson: NHS to be run by those who use it

Private healthcare users face NHS trust job ban

By Polly Newton, Political Reporter

PEOPLE who use only private healthcare are to be banned from positions on hospital trust boards and other NHS bodies, Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, will announce today.

In a speech to the party conference, Mr Dobson will present plans to remove board members who do not use the NHS. Present office holders who have private health insurance will not have their appointments renewed.

Mr Dobson will tell delegates: "People who don't use the health service won't be running it from now on."

A Labour source said the rule that requires applicants to demonstrate "a commitment to the NHS" would be interpreted more rigorously. "If you are a board member or chair of a trust who personally doesn't use the health service, then you are not going to be demonstrating your commitment to the health service."

The ban will not extend to anyone who has ever used private healthcare, only to those who now rely solely on private health insurance. It is not expected to apply to those who use the NHS but whose spouses or children do not.

It is not known how many people will be affected by the change. The Government will continue to insist that trust board members live locally.

Mr Dobson will also use his speech today to emphasise the Government's commitment to NHS staff, repeating his promise to push for tougher sentences against those convicted of assault on them. He will also promise to tackle racist abuse of health service staff.

He will address claims by the Liberal Democrats and others that Labour is not fulfilling pre-election promises to invest in the NHS, insisting that the Government will spend an extra £1.2 billion on health services next year.

"That is £3 million extra every single day .... That is double what the Liberal Democrats promised in their manifesto," he will say.

Mr Dobson will announce details of what is claimed to be the biggest consultation exercise in the history of the NHS, involving the scrutiny of service provision for six million people in 42 pilot projects around the country.

He will promise an end by next April to the "two tier" system that has allowed some GP fundholders' patients to jump hospital treatment queues.

TODAY'S AGENDA

MORNING: Mo Mowlam on Northern Ireland, Pauline Green on Labour's MEPs and Frank Dobson on health.
AFTERNOON: Tony Blair delivers the leader's speech at 2.30pm.
THE FRINGE: Chris Smith on the new *creative economy* (Old Ship Hotel, 5.45pm); Tony Banks and Trevor Brooking on "sport for all" (Grand Hotel, 6pm); Tribune Rally with Gordon Brown, Robin Cook and Tony Banks (Corn Exchange, 7pm).

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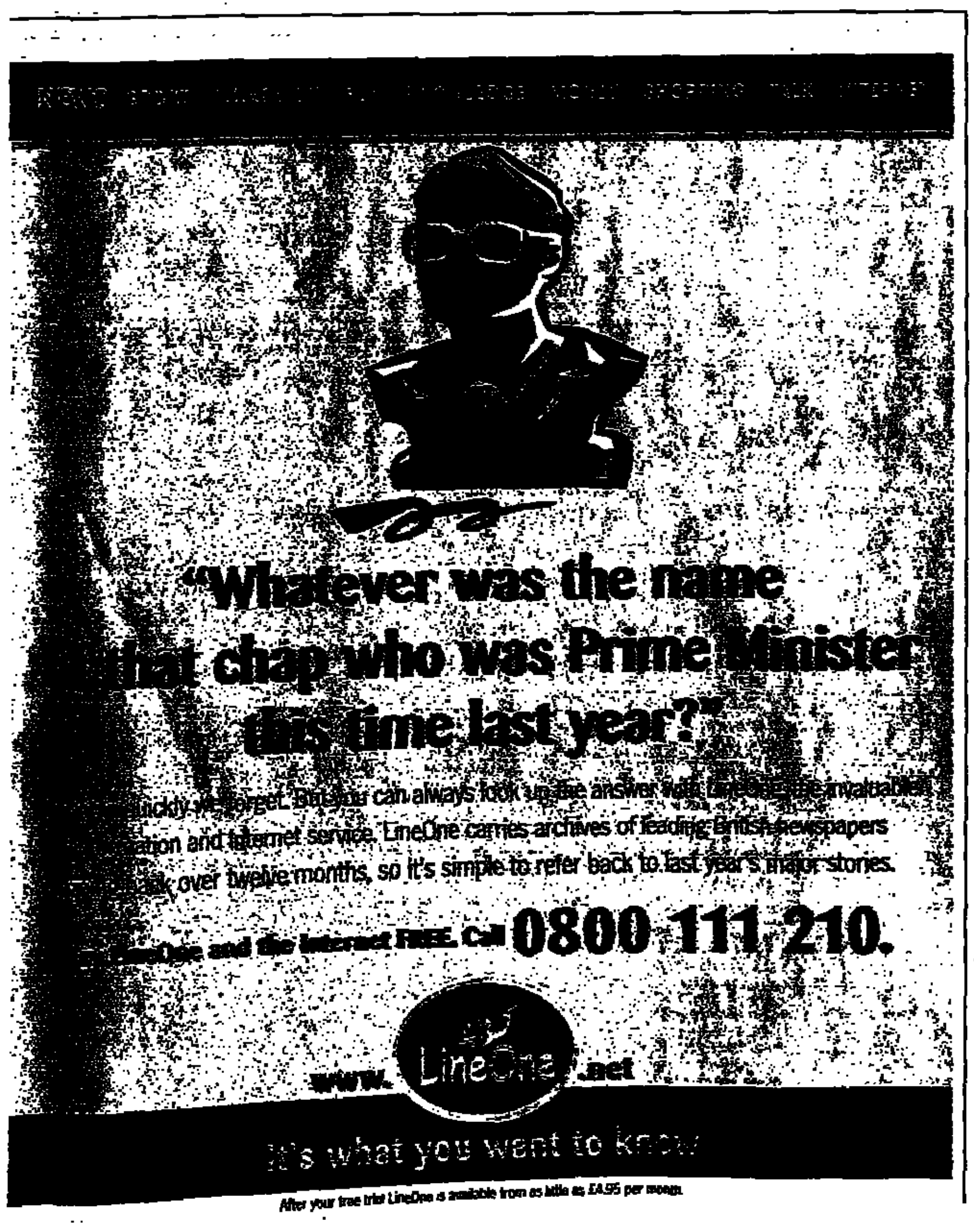
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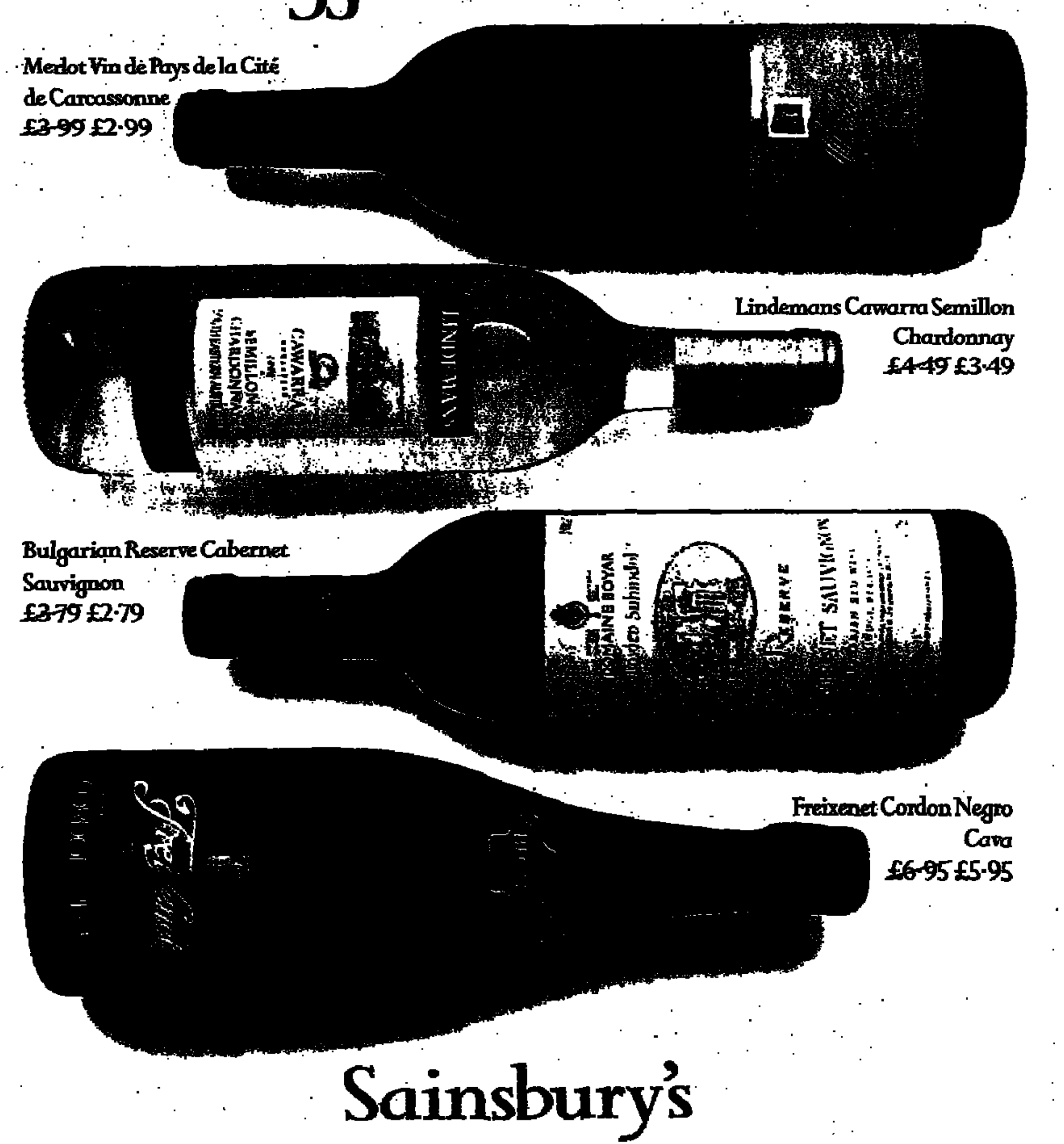

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Indian barbers help to trim births

By Christopher Thomas
in Pedda Amberpet
Village,
Southern India

TENS of thousands of village barbers in southern India are to become frontline workers in an attempt to curb the country's soaring population, which will reach one billion in three or four years and overtake that of China soon afterwards.

Andhra Pradesh state is aiming to use barbers to persuade men to drop their prejudice against condoms. It is a revolutionary idea for India, which is starting to take population policy more seriously after decades of virtually ignoring it.

Condoms, like all other forms of birth control, are free throughout India, but few men use them despite increasing awareness of Aids, which is becoming an epidemic that is likely to be worse than anything experienced in sub-Saharan Africa. Vasectomies are virtually non-existent because villagers are convinced the procedure will weaken them for work in the fields.

Female sterilisation accounts for three quarters of all contraception and a third of all Indian women of child-bearing age have been sterilised, probably the world's highest figure. But it is not enough: the population is rising by 16 million a year, equivalent to almost the entire population of Australia.

The Hyderabad-based Indian Institute of Health and Family Welfare believes that barbers can be trained to tell villagers how to use condoms. A training programme is getting under way to give basic instructions, and each barber — there are usually five or six in any village — will be given piles of government-issue condoms to hand out.

Taleban detains Euro aid chief in filming row

From Tim Johnston in Kabul

STEFAN SMITH / EPA

Emma Bonino leaves detention in Kabul in a Red Cross car. The rifle symbol indicates no weapons are inside

ARMED religious police of the Islamic Taleban yesterday held Emma Bonino, the European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid, and 18 other people for more than three hours after pictures of women were taken in an Afghan hospital.

Signora Bonino said she had been frightened by the experience. "I was scared because they were fully armed and had Kalashnikovs pointed at us," she said after her release. The commissioner was arrested on a visit to a women's hospital.

Taleban accused journalists with her of taking photographs of women, an offence under the movement's regulations. She said that the experience had given her a taste of what Afghans go through every day. "This is an example of how people live here, in a situation of random terror."

Filippo di Robilant, spokesman for Signora Bonino, said that the journalists accompanying her were unaware of the restrictions on filming, and stopped as soon as they were asked. "[Bonino] went upstairs to talk to the director [of the clinic]. Meanwhile, the press had entered the wards. No one had told them not to. They had been filming for ten minutes and when they were told to stop they packed up," he said.

All 19 were released after the television crews accompanying Signora Bonino agreed to hand over video cassettes.

Haji Habibullah, a security official, said earlier that Signora Bonino and the others had been "arrested because they did not have any letters from the authorities and they were taking pictures of women.

"It is the policy of Taleban that no unrelated man may take pictures of women. They were brought in for this offence. The head of the hospital came to complain to us that they were taking pictures." Taleban banned all photographs of living beings, saying that they are un-Islamic, when it captured Kabul last September. Signora Bonino's group was detained in the hot, dusty yard of a police station in central Kabul. Armed Taleban fighters guarding them laid out carpets in the shade of a tree, and one said that the detainees had been offered Western soft drinks to slake their thirst.

The release apparently came after the authorities consulted Mullah Muhammad Rabbani, acting head of the Taleban interim ruling council in Kabul. *(Reuters)*

☐ **Brussels:** Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission, said he deplored the detention of Signora Bonino, "especially as her mission was of a purely humanitarian nature". Signora Bonino had received apologies from the Afghan authorities. A commission statement said that over the past two years it had channelled £125 million of humanitarian aid into Afghanistan, becoming the world's most generous donor to the country. *(Reuters)*

Narrow victory for Singapore leader in defamation case

Jeyaretnam: felt case was a ruse to exclude him from Parliament

From Christopher Lydgate
in Singapore

A HIGH Court judge has awarded damages of more than £8,000 against a veteran Singaporean opposition politician for defamation of Goh Chok Tong, the Prime Minister.

But the award was a tenth of what Mr Goh had asked for and Joshua "Ben" Jeyaretnam, the 71-year-old leader of the Workers' Party, was told to pay only 60 per cent of the legal costs. The judge said the Prime Minister's lawyers had overstated their case.

Judge S. Rajendran awarded the Prime Minister damages of £8,100 for remarks made by Mr Jeyaretnam at an election rally in January, when the opposition figure told the crowd he had just heard about two police reports in which leaders of the ruling People's Action Party were accused of criminal conspiracy and lying. The reports had been filed by Mr Jeyaretnam's running mate, Tang Liang Hong. "The Prime Minister is entitled to his reputation no less than the ordinary citizen," the judge wrote in his 142-page summing up.

"While there is an undeniable public interest in protecting freedom of speech as a means of exposing wrongdoing or abuse of office by public officials, there is an equal public interest in allowing those public officials to execute their duties unfettered by false aspersions." A solicitor from Allen Gledhill, the Prime Minister's law firm, said the judgment vindicated Mr Goh. Mr Jeyaretnam commented: "It could have been worse." He said that he had not yet decided whether or not to appeal.

The case has generated controversy both locally and internationally because it strikes at the heart of one of Singapore's most sensitive political issues — whether the ruling party uses lawsuits to hobble the Opposition. Observers from Amnesty International, the International Commission of Jurists and various foreign embassies attended the trial. While libel cases in Singapore are not unusual, the suits against Mr Jeyaretnam have attracted special attention because, if he is forced to declare bankruptcy, he will lose his seat in Parliament. Mr Jeyaretnam said that although he hoped to keep his seat, he was not sure how he would raise the money.

During the trial, the Prime Minister described Mr Jeyaretnam's announcement at the opposition rally as a "Molotov cocktail" that caused Mr Goh tremendous political damage, because it led the audience to believe the PAP leaders had committed criminal offences. Under cross-examination, however, Mr Goh admitted that he himself had authorised the contents of the police reports to be leaked to the press.

For his part, Mr Jeyaretnam contended that the suits against him were a "purely political" effort to bankrupt him and drive him out of Parliament. His British lawyer, George Carman QC, waged a blistering cross-examination of the Prime Minister, in which he suggested that Singapore leaders only paid "lip service" to democracy in their efforts to "stifle the Opposition".

Mr Goh and ten fellow leaders of the ruling party brought eight cases of libel against Mr Jeyaretnam, and Mr Goh's was taken as a test which would determine the rulings in them all. There will now be damages hearings in the other suits.

Trial judge respected for fairness

SINGAPORE'S legal community were surprised when they learned that High Court Judge S. Rajendran would be presiding over one of the most politically sensitive trials Singapore has seen in years (Christopher Lydgate writes).

Some of Singapore's most senior judges have close links to the ruling party — hardly surprising in a one-party political system. But Judge Rajendran is not one of them. Although he could hardly be called an anti-establishment figure, the 59-year-old judge has demonstrated his willingness to make controversial rulings, and along the way has forged a reputation as an eminently fair and reasonable jurist. "He's liked and respected," said Dr Myint Soe, one of the few lawyers willing to speak on the record about Mr Rajendran.

One lawyer who knew him before he became a judge, said: "Everything he told me he lived up to. When I heard he was to be the judge in the Jeyaretnam case, I thought that was the best chance Jeyaretnam had."

Reagan's memoirs snubbed first wife

From Tunku Varadarajan in New York

Jane Wyman: "Water under the bridge"

RONALD REAGAN excluded his first wife, Jane Wyman, from the original draft of his memoirs, making no reference to his life with her, the book's editor has disclosed.

According to Michael Korda, who edited *An American Life*, which was published in 1990, the former American President had to be coaxed to restore his former wife to the account.

Writing in *The New Yorker* magazine, published yesterday, Korda recounts an early encounter with Mr Reagan at his retirement home in California. They were meeting to discuss the first draft of the autobiography and Korda was worried that "Reagan had refused even to mention his first wife, Jane Wyman, in the book". The editor "feared that this hiatus might cause reviewers to question Reagan's willingness to face facts".

When he raised the question of omitting Ms Wyman, who is now 83, "Reagan's benign expression didn't change, but his eyes became a little frosty". The former President then said that "there was no point in going into all that stuff". In fact, he "hardly remembered a thing about his marriage to Jane . . . it was all water under the bridge."

Korda persisted, pointing out that since they had a daughter from the marriage, it "wasn't quite all water under the bridge". If Mr Reagan, now 89, left out of his book something as well known as his first marriage, the reviewers "would conclude that he was leaving out things that were even more important".

"I never pay much attention to critics," Mr Reagan replied placidly, saying that the world was divided into two kinds of people: "Those who can, and those who criticise."

Korda's efforts, however, did bear some fruit. The next day, Mr Reagan said he had thought things over during the night and had concluded that it would be "all right" to mention his first marriage. Thus his ghost writer was able to insert four lines about Ms Wyman in the manuscript. "And that," as Korda writes, "was that."

'Empty chair' for Oklahoma bomb trial

From Tom Rhodes
in Washington

WHEN jury selection began yesterday in the trial of Terry Nichols, allegedly the "silent partner" in America's worst act of terrorism, an empty chair stood between the jury box and the main table used by federal prosecutors.

His alleged accomplice in the Oklahoma bombing, Timothy McVeigh, was sentenced to death in the same Denver courtroom in June, a trial which the Nichols defence team studied with the utmost care.

As a result, his lawyers, led by Michael Tigar, argued strenuously for the concession to maintain an empty chair between the jury box and the prosecution team. They said the proximity of government lawyers fostered a subconscious bond between them and jurors during the McVeigh trial.

Mr Nichols, 42, is the second man charged in the conspiracy to cause the bombing, the devastating explosion in the American heartland two years ago that killed 168 adults and children.

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Russian mafia in Colombia drug link

From David Adams in Miami
Tom Rhodes in Washington
and Robin Lodge in Moscow

Russian gangsters have established a criminal beachhead in Miami from which to organise their smuggling of cocaine in a lucrative alliance with the Colombian traffickers

THE Russian mafia has teamed up with Colombian drug traffickers operating cocaine smuggling routes through the Caribbean to Europe and the United States, according to American and European officials.

Officials say the Russian mafiosi — police like to call them "Redfellas" — have established a beachhead in Miami, from where many of their illegal activities are being organised.

The spreading tentacles of the Russian mafia were made apparent in February this year when federal agents swooped on a Miami strip club named Porky's where undercover agents say there was more than the usual adult entertainment on offer. Ludwig Fainberg, the club's owner, was the alleged middleman for an international drugs and arms smuggling conspiracy involving the sale of Colombian cocaine to Europe in return for Russian military equipment, including helicopters and even a diesel submarine. In a separate case, agents also arrested two Lithuanians in July after they allegedly tried to sell Russian shoulder-fired missiles for $330,000 (£206,000) to undercover agents posing as Colombian drug dealers.

The investigation uncovered an alleged trafficking network that shipped cocaine from South America to St Petersburg in Russia packed in cargoes of iced shrimp.

Officials say meetings between Colombian traffickers and Russian mobsters have also taken place in a number of Caribbean islands. *The Washington Post* reported yesterday that Russian ships have delivered guns in exchange for drugs in the Colombian port of Turbo.

Apart from drugs and gunrunning, the Russian gangs are also suspected of involvement in money-laundering and highly sophisticated bank and financial frauds. "They have got more money than God, and they are more ruthless than the '20s Prohibition gangsters," Kenneth Rijock, a Miami financial crimes consultant, said.

Russians, suspected of ties to organised crime groups have opened more than a dozen offshore banks around the Caribbean suspected of laundering drug money. With limited regulation, Antigua, St Maarten and Aruba have become havens for dirty money.

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, organised Russian crime syndicates have formed relations with their criminal counterparts in 50 countries and operate some 200 groups worldwide. It is estimated that at least 24 Russian gangs operate across the US.

The US branch of the Russian mafia started in New York, where they blended easily with a large emigré community. But in recent years they began moving south to Florida for its climate and business potential, including ties with Latin American drug traffickers.

A two-year US study published yesterday by the Centre for Strategic and International Studies records a panoply of criminal activity under the umbrella of Russian mafia groups. Drawing on access to the FBI and CIA, the report concluded Russian organised crime was expanding in Central and Western Europe, the US, Canada, Israel, South Africa as well as Latin America. The report cites the illicit transfer every month of $1 billion from Russia to Cyprus.

They are engaged in every possible area of crime, including drug trafficking, extortion, large-scale car theft, international prostitution and smuggling of aliens, bank fraud, tax fraud, metals smuggling, illegal arms dealing and contract murder.

Left unchecked, the report states, Russia is in danger of becoming a "criminal-syndicalist state" under the control of corrupt government bureaucrats, politicians, businessmen and criminals. This poses a threat to the security interests of the US "by fostering instability in a nuclear-armed major power".

Russian police have expressed their concern about a huge growth in the trafficking of illegal drugs over the past few years. Arkadi Kuznetsov, of the Interior Ministry, said there are plenty of people who think nothing of spending up to £2,000 in an evening at a nightclub.

"We used to think of Russia as a land of drink, not drugs." In Communist times, even cannabis was comparatively little known.

US tax service suspends revenue agents

By Bronwen Maddox

THE Internal Revenue Service has suspended mid-level managers after accusations last week in front of a United States Senate committee that its agents harassed American taxpayers, particularly the poorest families.

The suspensions, disclosed yesterday by *Newsweek*, appear to fulfil the revenue service's pledge to the Senate that it would investigate vigorously the dozens of horror stories, recounted last week, which triggered furious public protests across America.

Speaking from behind screens, their voices electronically disguised, revenue service agents told the Senate how their performance was measured solely on the number of seizures and fines they imposed, and how they found it easiest to meet their targets by chasing poor families and small businesses who were financially unsophisticated and could not afford legal advice. Taxpayers told the Senate how they were pursued relentlessly for taxes they did not owe or had tried to pay.

The hearings were particularly explosive because earlier investigations by a congressional commission and Congress's General Accounting Office failed to find evidence of widespread abuse of power. The disclosures have fed a belief among many Americans that the tax authorities, as agents of the much mistrusted Government in Washington, are vindictive, unfair and sometimes politically motivated. Paula Jones, who has accused President Clinton of sexual harassment, has said that she has come under revenue service investigation.

Newsweek also reported that it had obtained a copy of a memorandum from the service's Arkansas-Oklahoma office setting out the rules for evaluating agents on the basis of taxes they collected. If confirmed, this could be in breach of agreed procedures. Dick Armey, House majority leader, has promised to put forward legislation by the end of the year to curb abuses.

Repentant men go on the march for family gospel

From Bronwen Maddox in Washington

THEY sob as they hug each other, swear they love their families and God, and promise to be better fathers and husbands. Washington is bracing itself for the arrival on Saturday of the Promise Keepers, the controversial Christian men's movement which has swept the country in just seven years.

"We're not focusing on men's rights," says Paul Edwards, the Promise Keepers' vice-president. "We're looking at men's wrongs and how God can help us make them right."

Forget the male backlash against feminism: Promise Keepers' tone is abject. Members, mostly middle-aged, thickset and balding, beg forgiveness for breaking promises to their families, confessing everything from infidelity and wife-beating to failure to unload the dishwasher or read bedtime stories. The group admits only men, as it believes they are primarily responsible for family breakdown and that the traditional emphasis on "God the Father" has been eroded in modern religion.

In Washington, politicians are bemused by the notion that as many as half a million men will march on Capitol Hill — but will demand reform only from themselves, not the nation's lawmakers. The Christian Coalition, the political face of the Religious Right, has been jolted at the emergence of a headline-grabbing rival.

Most criticism has come from Boulder, Colorado, where the group's founder, Bill McCartney, lives. Warren Hern, head of the Boulder Abortion Clinic, told *The Washington Post* that Promise Keepers was "a fascist movement" which gave "psychological protection" to those who shot at the clinic. "Coach McCartney wants political power. He's poison."

But in money terms Promise Keepers demands attention. In seven years it has acquired 360 staff; last year it had a revenue of $96 million (£60 million) from donations at its 50,000-strong rallies.

It all began when Mr McCartney, 57, a former football coach, had a vision. Known as "Coach", he made his name when he took the Colorado Buffaloes, the state university team, to the No.1 spot in 1991, earning him the title of "Coach of the Year". He always claimed God was on his sideline.

REUTERS

Astronaut David Wolf holds a packet of fruit taken into space for Mir's crew, watched by Pavel Vinogradov, the space station's flight engineer. The American, who arrived on the US space shuttle *Atlantis*, is to replace Michael Foale, the British-born astronaut, on Mir.

Mir crew reaps cosmic harvest

Yesterday the two crews were busy loading supplies from the US craft onto the Russian orbiting outpost. Vladimir Solovyov, flight director, told a televised news conference from Mission Control at Korolyov, outside Moscow: "For now, everything's ahead of schedule. We're very pleased."

☐ Delhi: India yesterday for the first time used its own rocket to launch a major satellite, marking a turning point in the country's space programme. *(Reuters, AP)*

Browned-off driver sues over hair-dye sacking

From Robert Whymant in Tokyo

A LORRY driver sacked for dyeing his hair is suing his employer of six years for unfair dismissal in what lawyers call a landmark test of human rights in Japan.

Yoshiaki Nishiura, 25, lost his job in July when he followed a fashion popular with a growing mumber of young Japanese of both sexes and turned into a *chapatsu* — a person with dyed brown hair. He had apologised and returned his hair to its natural black before being fired.

His employer, Suguru Yamaga, 56, who runs a trucking company in Kitak-Kyushu, western Japan, was horrified when Mr Nishiura turned up for work with the light-brown hair.

In common with most of corporate Japan, he believes that the *chapatsu* trend — blamed on America's influence — undermines company discipline, corrupts morale and implies a casual approach to life. "We need drivers to maintain a professional appearance to make a good impression," he said.

Hisashi Ikeda, a journalist and social commentator, said: "Japanese firms expect all employees to look the same, and think the same. When you enter a company, you sign away your human rights."

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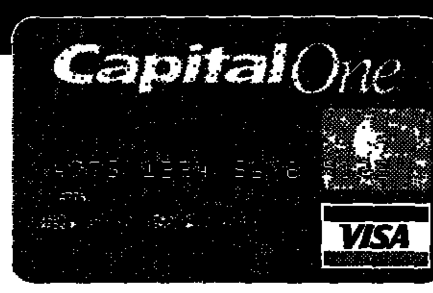

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Chinese start to execute by lethal injection

FROM REUTERS
IN BEIJING

CHINA has secretly executed more than 20 convicts using lethal injection in experiments to find an alternative to the firing squad, a state newspaper has reported.

Officials were so satisfied with the results that China may stop using the bullet, the *Liaoning Daily Weekend*, available in Beijing yesterday, said.

Prisoners, relieved to be spared the firing squad, rolled up their sleeves for the injection and some even expressed gratitude, the paper said. Lethal injection was approved by a criminal law that took effect on January 1. China executed at least 4,367 people by firing squad last year, more than the total of executions for the rest of the world.

Lethal injection has been used 22 times since March under the administration of the Kunming Intermediate People's Court in the southwestern province of Yunnan, the newspaper said. Yunnan is the centre of a flourishing illegal drugs trade and executes many traffickers.

The Yunnan experiments were judged so successful that the method is undergoing further study in Beijing by the Supreme Court and the Ministry of Health.

STEVE PYKE

Baudrillard, *Libération* columnist among those accused of obscure jargon

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Assault on intellectual 'impostors' of France

Ben Macintyre reports from Paris on a Left Bank furore over claims by American and Belgian academics that French philosophers are talking tosh

MODERN French philosophy is pretentious, verbose and often utterly meaningless, according to an incendiary new book which has provoked fury among Paris intellectuals and prompted a bout of introspection that is intense even by French standards.

In a blistering denunciation of many notable and trendy thinkers, two prominent non-French scientists have come up with a simple but devastating critique: "We can demonstrate that if they seem unintelligible, this is for the good reason that they do not want to say anything."

Impostures Intellectuelles by Alan Sokal, an American physicist, and his Belgian co-author, Jean Bricmont, takes on the exponents of structuralism, post-structuralism and post-modernism, and singles out such celebrated French writers as Régis Debray, the high-profile left-wing *philosophe*, psychoanalyst-mathematician Jacques Lacan, semiotician Julia Kristeva and Jean Baudrillard, the *Libération* columnist who most often describes himself as a thinker.

The authors of the broadside claim that by mixing pseudo-science with convoluted language, sociological theory and obscurantism, French intellectuals have pioneered a form of "intellectual terrorism" — daunting, superficially erudite and often quite unintelligible.

"Deliberately obscure writing and the intellectual dishonesty that accompanies it is poisoning a part of intellectual life," Messrs Sokal and Bricmont insist. They take particular issue with the misappropriation of scientific terms, and what they see as the tendency of modern French thinkers to lapse into "excess verbiage" and "wild imaginings".

Mr Sokal gained notoriety last year when he published a long, jargon-filled article in *Social Text*, an American university journal, and then announced it was "complete nonsense". To bolster their case the critics quote from their targets' circumlocutory effusions. What, if anything, did Julia Kristeva mean when she wrote: "The notion of constructibility, which implies the axiom of choice associated with all we have put together for the poetic language, explains the impossibility of establishing a contradiction in the space of the language of poetry." Mr Sokal, who teaches at New York University, asserts: "She has a vague idea of what she is talking about, but not much more."

M Baudrillard's bizarre and long-winded theories about "multiple refraction in hyperspace" come in for a similar pasting: "In physics, the word space exists, as does hyperspace and refraction. But multiple refractions in hyperspace? . . . It appears to be scientific, but in fact it is as pompous as it is meaningless," Mr Sokal says.

Debray: singled out for heavy criticism

Lacan: under attack from foreigners

The suggestion that some of the greatest minds in France are talking total tosh has prompted a predictable patriotic riposte. "This is war . . . The Left Bank is on fire," declared *Le Figaro*, while *Le Nouvel Observateur* magazine devoted several pages to the row beneath the headline: "Are our philosophers impostors?"

Mme. Kristeva muttered about "francophobia" and suggested the attack was part of a wider cultural battle. Pascal Bruckner, author and academic, defended his compatriots, saying that, while the Anglo-Saxon intellectual approach is rooted in "facts and information", French thinking is based on "style". Nothing is straightforward in modern French thought. To quote M Baudrillard: "In the Euclidean space of history, the most rapid route from one point to another is the straight line but, in the non-Euclidean space at the end of the century, a baleful curvature ineluctably diverts every trajectory. Linked, no doubt, to the sphericity of time (visible at the horizon of the end of the century like the Earth's horizon at the day's end) or to the subtle distortion of the field of gravity."

German Greens attack work permit curbs on foreigners

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUTT IN FRANKFURT

THE German Green Party has warned the Government against blaming foreigners for the country's high unemployment rate and seeking ways to prevent them working here, as outlined in a new Labour Ministry paper.

The party accuses the Government of seeking a scapegoat for Germany's economic ills and adding weight to a widely held but naive view that foreigners take away jobs from unemployed Germans by undercutting wages and accepting intolerable working conditions.

"Germany has already had appalling experiences with this kind of theory," Marieluise Beck, the Green Party's labour market spokeswoman, said in reference to the Nazis and their use of racist propaganda.

Included in the report which was drawn up by Norbert Blüm, the Labour Minister, and leaked by the mass circulation *Bild am Sonntag* newspaper, there are plans to tighten restrictions on work permits granted to non-European Union nationals and to impose heavy fines on companies or individuals caught illegally employing foreigners.

In addition to the four million foreigners who live in Germany, a nation of 82 million, an estimated 250,000 arrive in the country every year in search of work.

The new plans, which are due to be presented to MPs this week, will greatly affect fruit and vegetable harvests when farmers rely on Eastern Europeans to pick crops quickly and cheaply.

The most lucrative of these is the spring asparagus harvest. It is back-breaking work which must be completed swiftly before crops spoil, but brings a fortune for farmers at the end of a four-week asparagus eating frenzy in homes and restaurants throughout the country. Germany's powerful farming associations have frequently complained that long-term welfare recipients sent out to help in the fields are lazy and uncooperative and many landowners claim that, without foreign workers, they would be unable to remain competitive.

The Government claims that measures to curb the number of foreigners employed in Germany is necessary to bring down the 11 per cent jobless rate.

"We want to put a stop to this inflow with these measures," said Peter Ramsauer, a social policy expert for the conservative Bavarian Christian Social Union, adding that an economic upturn had had little effect on the labour market.

The fine for illegally employing foreigners could be increased from £35 to £178 for every worker, according to the new report.

Albright piles on pressure for peace

FROM JAMES BONE
IN NEW YORK

THE United States yesterday put pressure on Israel and the Palestinians to return to the negotiating table in an effort to defuse the growing tension in the Middle East caused by Hamas suicide bombings and Israel's plans for new building in Palestinian areas.

Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State, met her Israeli counterpart, David Levy, in the morning and the two were scheduled to hold a three-way session with Abu Marzen, the Palestinian negotiator.

Palestinian and Israeli negotiators were expected to restart talks in the eight joint committees set up to deal with such questions as Palestinian prisoners, free transit between Gaza and the West Bank, the construction of a seaport in Gaza, and the opening of an airport there.

Both Israel and the Palestinians made goodwill gestures over the weekend. Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, released $17 million (£10.5 million) in frozen Palestinian funds and increased the number of Palestinians allowed into Israel, while Yassir Arafat, the President of the Palestinian Authority, ordered a crackdown on Hamas Islamic militants.

Pushing for movement towards peace, Ms Albright, who visited the region this month, had breakfast yesterday with the foreign ministers of Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Bahrain.

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Gates: increase of $400m every week

$39bn Gates heads wealth league

By Tunku Varadarajan in New York

BILL GATES has overtaken the Sultan of Brunei as the richest person in the world, according to the latest list of the wealthy published here yesterday by *Forbes* magazine.

The 41-year-old chairman of Microsoft increased his net worth last year by $400 million (£248 million) every week.

Surfing on the crest of a stock market wave, in which his company's stock has more than doubled in worth over the past two months, Mr Gates's net worth has soared from $18.5 billion in 1996 to $39.8 billion at the latest count.

This surge has pushed him past the Sultan of Brunei, whose wealth is computed at $38 billion. The sultan's fortune, however, was inherited. Mr Gates built his software empire from scratch.

The *Forbes* list — of the 400 wealthiest Americans — listed Warren Buffett, 67, as the second richest person in the country. He is referred to as "the world's most successful investor", and is worth $21 billion.

The upper echelons of the list are dominated by software and computer barons. Others listed are: Paul Allen, the co-founder of Microsoft, worth $17 billion, at No 3; Lawrence Ellison, of Oracle Software, worth $9.2 billion; and Gordon Moore, of Intel Corporation, worth $8.8 billion.

Ted Turner, the media mogul, is in 28th place, but would plummet to 55th if he donates the $1 billion which he promised recently to the United Nations.

The magazine predicted that Michael Dell, the Texan billionaire owner of Dell Computers, ranked 16th in the list, could be the "next Bill Gates". His net worth increased fivefold last year to $5.5 billion.

Looters descend on Assisi to pilfer art pieces

From Richard Owen in Rome

THE two Franciscan friars killed in Friday's Umbria quake were buried at Assisi yesterday amid reports that pieces of damaged art works, including a great 13th-century fresco by Cimabue destroyed in the disaster, are being sold on the black market.

The Pope, who has expressed his "intense grief" over the tragedy, sent Cardinal Roger Etchegaray of France — a leading candidate for the papal succession — to preside over the funeral of Father Angelo Api, 48, and Borowec Zazislaw, a 24-year-old novice from Poland who had only been in Assisi for a few days.

The two friars were crushed by masonry when a second earthquake struck Assisi last Friday morning while they were examining damage in the Basilica of Saint Francis caused by the first earthquake during the night.

Two art surveyors employed by the office of the Umbria Superintendent of Fine Arts, Bruno Brunacci, 40, and Claudio Bugiantella, 45, were also killed by rubble when the great vaulted ceiling collapsed. They were buried on Sunday, amid claims by their relatives that the authorities should not have allowed inspection teams inside the basilica while there was a serious risk of a second earthquake.

The Italian Government has set aside $500 million (£312 million) for the relief effort in Umbria and Marche, and leading fashion designers such as Armani, Ferre and Santo Versace have also contributed substantial sums.

Experts said it would be some weeks before the true extent of the damage to the basilica was known. But the Franciscans hope to reopen the lower church, which contains the undamaged tomb of the saint, in time for celebrations of the feast day of St Francis on Saturday. About 30,000 pilgrims are expected, and police are planning intensive security measures.

Antonio Paolucci, the former Culture Minister who is overseeing the restoration, said repairs to the upper church, where works by Giotto and Cimabue were damaged, would take months.

Police said they were concerned that tourists were picking up rubble and fragments of ruined buildings as souvenirs. All the churches have now been shut, with armed guards placed on the doors and gates for fear of looting. Services are held in the open.

The police said thieves were attempting to profit from the tragedy, and the going rate for a yellow-and-blue fragment of the destroyed Cimabue fresco, *The Four Evangelists*, was said to be £200. "It is being sold off like bits of the Berlin Wall," the *Corriere della Sera* newspaper said.

Giorgio Bartolini, the Mayor of Assisi, said he had wanted to close the centre of the hilltop town to visitors, but businesses had objected. About 80 per cent of Assisi's revenue derives from tourism, and it is Italy's fourth most popular destination after Rome, Venice and Florence.

The 28 celebrated frescoes by Giotto on the *Life of St Francis* are intact, although they are covered in dust and the extent of any damage will not be known until they are cleaned. Sixty square yards of frescoes in the nave have been destroyed. Some are thought to be by the young Giotto.

The authorities have stepped up security to guard retrieved fragments. Restorers, many of them volunteers, are using painstaking, labour-intensive techniques similar to those used after the Second World War in historic cities such as Padua. "It is a labour of love," Signor Paolucci said. "They are saving tiny painted fragments. But the frescoes will never be the same again."

Seismologists said the damage would have been worse if the lower church had not absorbed the vibrations. About 80 per cent of the housing in Assisi was damaged, and 40 per cent of the housing in surrounding areas has been evacuated. Thousands of local residents, many elderly, are continuing to spend the chilly nights in temporary shelters. The homeless bitterly complain that the world is more concerned about the Giotto and Cimabue frescoes than about homeless human beings.

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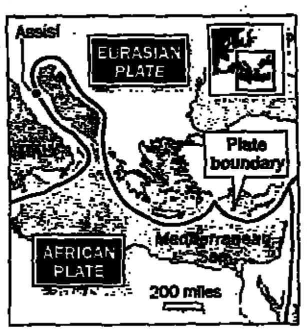
A quake victim waits in a tent city. The homeless complain the world is more concerned about frescoes than people



WORLD SUMMARY

Algerian teachers murdered

Algiers: Militants descended on an Algerian village school near Sidi Bel Abes, 260 miles southwest of the capital, shooting or slashing to death 11 women teachers and the male instructor who tried to stop them as students looked on, witnesses said. The deaths were among 31 civilian killings in two weekend attacks.

Security forces killed 11 suspected members of the Armed Islamic Group, which is waging a terror campaign aimed at destabilising the Government. More than 500 civilians have been killed in bombings and massacres in the past month. *(AP)*

Thinning Russia

Moscow: Russia's population, in decline since the collapse of the Soviet Union, has fallen to 147.2 million, down by 277,000 for the first half of this year. Demographers are blaming the soaring mortality rate and low birth rate on the country's protracted economic crisis and a sharp deterioration in healthcare. *(AP)*

Koreans' plea

Seoul: About 500 North Koreans who fled their impoverished communist country are seeking asylum in South Korea, a Seoul government report to parliament said. The 500 were among up to 1,600 North Koreans living in hiding in China, Russia and elsewhere, according to the document. *(AP)*

£1bn drugs find

Tapia de Casariego: Police seized five tonnes of cocaine worth £1 billion, the largest drugs haul ever in Spain and the second biggest in Europe since 1990. The cocaine was found hidden in packets at the bottom of a 165ft cliff here in northwest Spain. A crane was used to recover them. One man was arrested. *(AFP)*

Fire kills 31

Santiago: At least 31 people, most of them children, were killed in a fire at a home for the mentally handicapped in the Colina suburb of the Chilean capital when a burning roof collapsed on residents' beds, officials said. Six residents were missing and three more were in hospital with severe injuries. *(Reuters)*

Unhappy union

Brussels: Nearly a third of all marriages in the 15 countries of the European Union will end in divorce, according to a study by Eurostat, the EU's statistics office, which analysed 1995 figures. *(AFP)*

British crash victim had just arrived in Indonesia

From A Special Correspondent in Jakarta

PETER WILSON, one of two Britons killed in the air crash in the Indonesian island of Sumatra last Friday, had arrived in the country only the day before and was on the plane because his intended flight had been cancelled, it emerged yesterday.

The remains of the second Briton in the crash, named by the British Embassy in Jakarta as Sally Horseman and thought to have been in her thirties, have not been identified. No further information about her has been released.

It is not known what caused the crash 20 miles outside the north Sumatran city of Medan, but an unofficial transcript of the last conversation between the pilot and the Medan airport control tower released yesterday shows that they confused the words left and right in deciding which way the pilot should turn.

His sight of the runway was hindered by the choking smog that has blanketed South-East Asia for weeks, but it is not known to what extent this contributed to the crash. The "black box" flight and data recorders have still not been recovered.

Mr Wilson, 42, was a freelance consultant who had been employed by PT Ericsson Indonesia, the telecommunications company, to supervise a building project in north Sumatra, a company spokeswoman said yesterday. She said: "Pete was due to fly to Medan on the Thursday with a colleague, but the flight was cancelled. He then rebooked. The other person, having heard how full the flight was, said he could wait until Monday, but Pete said that someone had to go because there was so much work to do."

He is survived by his wife, Linda, a daughter, 12, and a son, 7. Mrs Wilson lives at present in Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates.

The British Embassy said: "We believe Sally Horseman is among the three unidentified Caucasian women who are in the hospital in Medan. She was not buried in the mass grave this morning." The woman's relatives were so distraught by her death that they were not allowing any personal details to be released.

Thousands of people gathered at the cemetery outside Medan for the mass burial of the 48 Indonesians who remained unidentified from the crash. They were buried in a single grave with only male or female signs on the coffins. All 234 people on board the Airbus were killed. The haze and smog cleared over much of Borneo and parts of Malaysia and Sumatra after it rained yesterday. But it remained thick in many areas. Caltex, a joint venture between Chevron and Texaco, the American oil companies, began yesterday to evacuate its employees from eastern Sumatra.

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An evening with Stephen Fry

STEPHEN Fry, whose public face is internationally well known, reveals his private face in this Times/ Dillons *forum, on Tuesday October 7. He will be in conversation with Nicholas Wapshott. The discussion will cover his days at boarding school, the beatings he survived, the love he felt, the misery he suffered, his time in prison and his subsequent highly successful career. The forum, which marks the publication of his autobiography,* *Moab is my Washpot* (Hutchinson, £16.99) will be held at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1, at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 (concessions £7.50), which includes £2 off the price of the book. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions. Subject to demand this event will be interpreted in sign language.

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Mostar's old Turkish bridge, which lasted from 1566 until it was destroyed by a Croat bombardment in 1993

Bridge salvage begins in Mostar

From Tom Walker in Mostar

The makeshift bridge that now spans the Neretva

THE painstaking process of rebuilding Bosnia's most famous bridge began yesterday as Hungarian divers helped to retrieve a broken slab of arch from the icy Neretva river in Mostar.

The town's old Turkish bridge, built in 1566, was blown up by Croat forces in November 1993 as they attempted to isolate a Muslim pocket on the Neretva's west bank.

Yesterday was billed as a milestone of ethnic reconciliation, but few Croats were on hand to watch Hungarian Nato troops manoeuvre a Heath Robinson-type barge beneath the bridge's foundations and the gaze of President Izetbegovic of Bosnia.

"Almost four years ago the bridge was killed; this bridge with a soul," he said. "Since then we have dreamt of this day." The block of stone was lifted by two cranes from the barge and placed on a podium, to applause from crowds on both banks. It is estimated that the Hungarian team will need at least six months to retrieve the reusable stone from the 30ft-deep river.

Mr Izetbegovic's language had calmed since his last speech in Mostar in July, when he said there were "individuals among the Croats who have not only disgraced the Croatian peoples, but mankind too".

Little love is lost between the town's Muslim and Croat communities, and there was widespread surprise when Kresimir Zubak, the Croat representative on Bosnia's state presidency, turned up for the ceremony. At the weekend, Slobodan Praljak, the Croat general who destroyed the bridge with grenade and tank fire, said he would do so again if necessary.

A senior UN official at the ceremony admitted the rebuilding was "more a symbol of division" likely to anger a west-bank Croat community obsessed with the notion that the West favours the Muslims. Revisionist theory circulating in the town even claims that rogue Muslim forces blew up the bridge.

The Unesco representative to Bosnia, Colin Kaiser, said there was still no definite offer to rebuild the bridge once the Hungarian stonelifting operation was completed.

Today, a memorial in honour of Major-General Gerry Hulme, the British UN official who broke the aid blockade to Mostar in 1993, will be unveiled on Mostar's east bank. He died in 1995 of natural causes.

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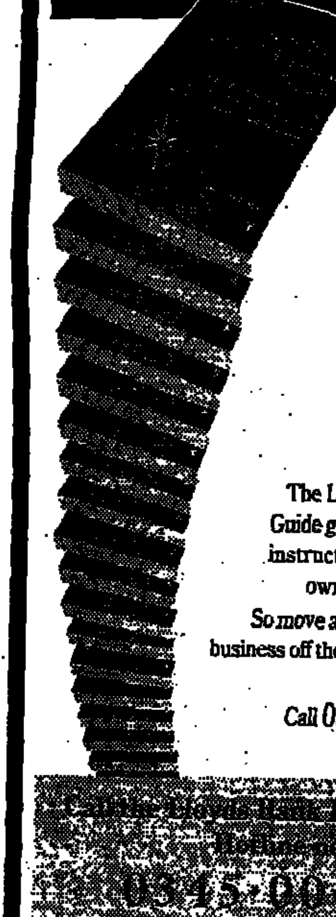

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Diana: a prisoner of the Palace

In our second extract from the foreword of **Andrew Morton's** book, *Diana, Her True Story – In Her Own Words*, he tells of the Princess's highs and lows during hours of interviews and the growing tension as Buckingham Palace stepped up the hunt for the royal mole

The Princess in tears in Stockport in 1992, on the day that the contents of Andrew Morton's book were made public

For Diana, the act of talking about her life provoked many memories, some cheerful, others almost too difficult to put into words. Like a gust of wind across a field of corn, her moods endlessly fluctuated. While she was candid, even whimsical, about her eating disorder, bulimia nervosa, and her half-hearted suicide attempts, she was at her lowest ebb when speaking about her days inside the Royal Family, "the dark ages", as she referred to them. Time and again she emphasised her profound sense of destiny, a belief that she would never become Queen, as well as her awareness that she had been singled out for a special role. She knew in her heart that it was her fate to travel a road where the monarchy was secondary to her true vocation. With hindsight, her words have a remarkable prescience.

Parker Bowles: Morton saw billets-doux

At times she was amusingly animated, particularly when talking about her short life as a bachelor girl. She spoke wistfully about her romance with Prince Charles, sadly about her unhappy childhood, and with some passion about the effect Camilla Parker Bowles had had on her life. Indeed, she was so anxious not to be seen as paranoid or foolish, as she had been so often told by her husband's friends, that she showed us several letters and postcards from Mrs Parker Bowles to Prince Charles to prove that she was not imagining their relationship.

These billets-doux — passionate, loving and full of suppressed longing — left my publisher and me in absolutely no doubt that Diana's suspicions were correct. Nevertheless, as we were informed by a leading libel lawyer, under stringent British law, the fact that you know something to be true does not allow you to say it. Much to Diana's annoyance, and in spite of overwhelming evidence, I was never able to write that Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles were lovers. Instead I had to allude to a "secret friendship" that had cast a long shadow over the royal marriage.

I used the opportunity of later interview sessions to fill in many of the gaps that were inevitably left by the first bruisingly honest and virtually seamless narrative of her life story. It took some weeks to appreciate just how powerful was her desire to speak out and, with hindsight, some of my questions were so obviously out of step with the reality of her life that it was inevitable that some of her answers were monosyllabic or simply uncomprehending. Indeed, many events I referred to in my later questions, which the media had deemed significant, had little actual relevance to her life. It meant that the whole interviewing process was very much a hit-and-miss process, trawling through existing material in the hope of hitting on a subject that might spark a response and generate a fresh insight.

Just as the questioning was haphazard, so was the process of gathering the information. I was often told, at very short notice, that Diana had a window of opportunity to answer questions. I would then quickly work out a series of queries relating to her life, pass them on and hope for the best. If her mood was engaged and interested and the questions relevant, then her answers were revealing and penetrating. Nonetheless, it was a draining process for her, the sessions rarely lasting much more than an hour at any one time. If a member of staff was lurking, the conversation continued with only a discreetly placed notepad present to jot down relevant material.

As I was working at one remove, I had to second-guess her moods and act accordingly. As a rule of thumb, mornings were the time when she was at her most articulate and energetic, particularly if Prince Charles was absent. Those interview sessions were the most productive, Diana speaking with a breathless haste as she poured out her story. She could be unnervingly blithe, even when talking about the most intimate and difficult periods of her life. When she first talked about her suicide attempts I naturally needed to know a great deal about when and where they had occurred. I subsequently submitted a raft of specific questions on the subject. When they were presented to her, she treated it as a bit of a joke. "He's pretty well written my obituary," she said to the interlocutor.

On the other hand, if a session was arranged for the afternoon, when her energy was low, her conversation was less fruitful. This was particularly so if she had had a bad press or a disagreement with her husband. Then it was usually sensible to focus on happy times, her memories of her bachelor days or her two children, Princes William and Harry. In spite of all these handicaps, it was clear as the weeks passed that her excitement and involvement with the project grew, especially when a title for the book was decided upon. For example, if she knew that I was interviewing a trusted friend, she would pass on a scrap of information, an anecdote or correction, relating to questions I had submitted earlier.

While she was desperate, almost to the point of imprudence, to see her words appear before a wider public, this mood was tempered by a fear that Buckingham Palace would discover her identity as the "Deep Throat" of my book. As the publishing date approached, the tension at Kensington Palace became palpable. Her newly appointed private secretary, Patrick Jephson, described the atmosphere as "like watching a slowly spreading pool of blood seeping from under locked doors". In January 1992 she was warned that Buckingham Palace was aware of her co-operation with the book, even though at that stage it did not know its contents. Nonetheless, she remained steadfast in co-operating with the venture. The tension was not entirely one-sided; I had been warned on two separate occasions by Fleet Street colleagues that Buckingham Palace was looking hard for my mole. Shortly after one such warning, my offices were burgled and files rifled but nothing of consequence, apart from a camera, was stolen. From then on, a scrambler telephone and local payphones were the only sure way of speaking to her confidants without worrying that the conversations were being bugged. This problem, however, had been anticipated fairly early on. From the first there was a need to give Diana deniability, developing various ploys so that when she was taken in for interrogation by the Palace guards, she could categorically disavow any involvement with the book. The first line of defence were her friends, who were used as cover to disguise her participation. So in tandem with writing questions for the Princess, I sent out a number of begging letters to her circle of friends. They in turn contacted Diana to ask whether they should co-operate.

It was a patchy process. With some she was encouraging, with others ambivalent, depending on how well she knew them and how close they were to the true nature of the project. Many of those intimately involved truly believed life couldn't get any worse for Diana, arguing that anything was better than her situation at the time. There was a sense that the dam was about to burst at any moment. Diana's friends spoke with frankness and honesty, bravely aware that their actions would bring the media spotlight upon them. As the Princess herself explained during her television interview: "A lot of people saw the distress that my life was in, and they felt it was a supportive thing to help in the way that they did."

Her friend and astrologer, Debbie Frank, confirmed this mood when she spoke about Diana's life in the months before the book's publication: "There were times when I would leave a meeting with Diana feeling anxious and concerned because I knew her way was blocked. When Andrew Morton's book was published I was relieved, because the world was let into her secret."

As my interviews progressed, her friends and other acquaintances confirmed that behind the public smiles and glamorous image was a lonely and unhappy young woman who endured a loveless marriage, was seen as an outsider by the Queen and the rest of the Royal Family and was frequently at odds with the aims and objectives of the royal system. Yet one of the heartening aspects of the story was how Diana was striving, with mixed success, to come to terms with her life: a transformation from a victim to a woman in control of her destiny. It was a process that the Princess continued until the very end.

As the project gained momentum, the acid test came when the Princess read the manuscript. It was delivered to her piecemeal at any and every opportunity. Late one Saturday morning, for example, I cycled to the Brazilian Embassy in Mayfair, where the Princess was having lunch with the Ambassador's wife, Lucia Flecha de Lima, so that I could pass on the latest offering. Having been given the opportunity to write the story of the best-loved woman in the world, I was obviously anxious to know that I had fairly and accurately interpreted her sentiments and her words.

To my great relief, she read with approval her own words, which were liberally sprinkled throughout the text, either through direct quotation or in the third person. On one occasion, Diana was so moved by the poignancy of her own story that she confessed to weeping tears of sorrow. She made a number of alterations, of fact and emphasis, but only one of any significance, a change that gives an insight into her respect for the Queen. During the interviews she said that when she threw herself down the stairs at Sandring-

WORDS THAT CAME FROM THE HEART

YESTERDAY, *The Times* disclosed that Andrew Morton's explosive book on Diana, Princess of Wales, was, to all intents and purposes, an autobiography. Words attributed to the Princess's friends and sprinkled liberally throughout the text, published in 1992, were really from her own lips.

In all, the Princess gave Mr Morton six lengthy but secret interviews running to 18,000 words, plus informal assistance. This "personal testament", in which she speaks freely about the breakdown of her marriage, her suicide attempts and her rift with senior members of the Royal Family, forms the centrepiece of Mr Morton's revised book, *Diana, Her True Story — In Her Own Words*, to be published this weekend.

Yesterday, *The Times* ran part of Mr Morton's foreword to the new edition, in which he emphasises that because of the Princess's direct involvement, the book's authenticity can no longer be in doubt — even though, at the time of its publication — — she denied any involvement.

"What people have never realised is the extent of the Princess's commitment to my book," he writes. "The story contained in its pages came from her lips, the pain and heartache in her life revealed in a series of interviews at Kensington Palace during the summer and autumn of 1991.

"There were no camera lights, no rehearsals, no second takes. Her words came from the heart, outlining in graphic and, at times, agonising detail the sorrow and loneliness felt by a woman admired and adored around the world.

"Given the unfolding tragedy of her life and her untimely death, it is hard not to reread her words without shedding a tear. Today her testimony stands as an eloquent and unique witness before the tribunal of history."

Elsewhere, *The Times* reported yesterday that the Princess's involvement went beyond the granting of hours of interviews. She made changes to the text, supplied photographs from the Spencers' family albums, and even provided names and details for captions. She chose the famous cover picture by the French photographer Patrick Demarchelier. But all this was done in secret because she feared the wrath of Buckingham Palace.

Mr Morton portrays the Princess at that time as a "prisoner trapped inside a bitterly unfulfilled marriage, shackled to an unsympathetic royal system and chained to a wholly unrealistic public image of her life".

She felt under constant surveillance — by bodyguards, photographers, the Royal Family and their courtiers. Gnawing away at her was the feeling that "her life was a grotesque and implacable lie". She knew that her marriage was, in effect, over, and that Prince Charles had returned to his first love, Camilla Parker Bowles. But the royal establishment would go to great lengths to conceal her husband's infidelity and dismissed her suspicions as fantasy and paranoia.

She also feared that Prince Charles's circle would soon begin to discredit her as "irrational" — unfit for motherhood or to represent the monarchy. She had a "nagging fear that at any moment her enemies in the Palace would have her classified as mentally ill and locked away".

She was at odds with the "men in grey suits" at the Palace who wanted her to remain an "attractive adornment to her intellectual husband".

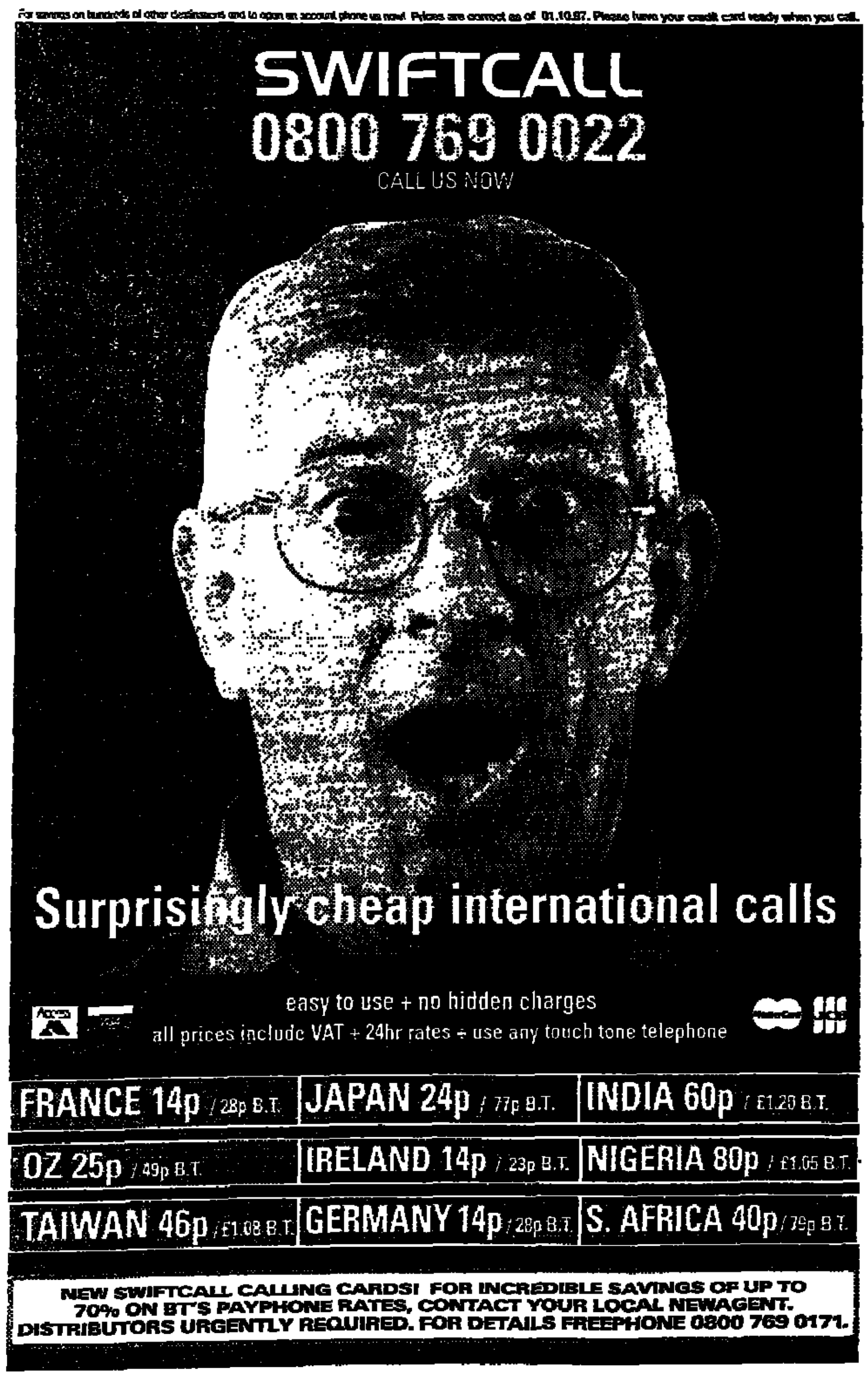
"Like a prisoner condemned for a crime she did not commit, Diana had a crying need to tell the world the truth about her life, the distress she felt and the ambitions she nurtured ..." Mr Morton writes. "She felt that if she was able to explain her story to the people, her people, they could truly understand her before it was too late. 'Let them be my judge', she said, confident that the public would not criticise her as harshly as the Royal Family or media."

At the same time, Mr Morton, who had left his staff job as a royal reporter on the *Daily Star* in 1987, was researching a full-scale biography on the Princess's life. She turned to him after he wrote a series of articles sympathetic to her cause. But with Prince Charles still living at Kensington Palace, subterfuge was necessary. The Princess was interviewed by an intermediary, so that if she was asked whether she had met Mr Morton, she could answer "with a resounding 'No'."

Mr Morton writes: "I submitted endless written questions about every aspect of her life. In return, she answered as best she could. Her words spilt out of her, with her barely pausing for breath. It was a great release."

The Princess coined her own nickname for Mr Morton, Noah, after an American newspaper pompously described him as a "notable author and historian".

NICHOLAS WOOD



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who longed to set herself free

ham while pregnant with Prince William, the Queen was the first on the scene. On the manuscript, Diana altered the text and inserted the Queen Mother's name, presumably out of deference to the Sovereign.

Even though a number of Diana's close friends were prepared to go on the record in order to underpin the authenticity of the text, the Princess accepted that the book needed a direct link with her own family in order to give it a necessary legitimacy. As a result she agreed to supply the Spencer family albums, containing endless delightful portraits of the growing Diana, many taken by her late father, Earl Spencer. One day several large red, gold-embossed family albums made their way to the office of my publisher, Michael O'Mara in South London. A number of photographs were selected, duplicated and the albums returned. The Princess herself helped to identify many of the people who appeared in the photographs with her, a process she greatly enjoyed as it brought back many happy memories, particularly of her teenage years.

She appreciated, too, the fact that, in order to make the book truly distinctive, we had to have a hitherto unpublished jacket picture. As it was out of the question that she attend a photo shoot, she herself chose and supplied the winsome Patrick Demarchelier cover photograph, which was one she kept in her study at Kensington Palace. This shot, and those of her and her children which were used inside, were her particular favourites.

When the book was published on June 16, 1992, she was relieved that at last her account was out, but desperately anxious that her cover story would hold water. She had to be able to deny involvement when she was put in the dock by the Palace. It was a part she played with aplomb. The author and TV star Clive James fondly recalled asking her over lunch whether she was behind the book. He wrote: "At least once, however, she lied to me outright. 'I really had nothing to do with that Andrew Morton book,' she said. 'But after my friends talked to him I had to stand by them'. She looked me straight in the eye when she said this, so I could see how plausible she could be when she was telling a whopper."

As a result of the necessary distance she put between herself and the book it meant that I, her friends and others, were effectively fighting her corner with one hand behind our back. In the face of the barrage of abuse and vilification which greeted the book's three central assertions, namely Diana's eating disorder, bulimia nervosa, her suicide attempts and Prince Charles's relationship with Camilla Parker Bowles, it is an understatement to say that it would have been helpful if she had announced her complete co-operation. Indeed, the animosity, scepticism and sheer vitriol with which the Establishment and their media acolytes first greeted the publication of my book graphically demonstrated the difficulties of presenting the truth to the British public.

In the months following that momentous event, the book not only altered the way the public viewed the monarchy and forced the Prince and Princess of Wales finally to address the ruins of their marriage, it also brought the one thing Diana had dreamt of — hope: the chance of fulfilment, of freedom and of a future where she was liberated at last to be a person in her own right.

In the past five years, particularly the last few months of her life, the world witnessed the flowering of Diana's true nature, qualities which would have remained buried if she had not had the courage and determination to tell her public about the reality of her life. Diana achieved that aim, and the public's verdict can be gauged by the mountain of flowers outside Kensington Palace and elsewhere, and the outpouring of grief that has convulsed not just her own country but the rest of the world.

While the public's image of Diana underwent an astonishing transformation when her story was told, I don't think she ever truly thought through the consequences of her actions. As she said on television when asked that question: "I don't know. Maybe people have a better understanding, maybe there's a lot of women out there who suffer on the same level but in a different environment who are unable to stand up for themselves because their self-esteem is cut in two." Once again, her instinct about the response was unerring as literally thousands of women, many from America, expressed how, through reading about her life, they had discovered and explored something in their own lives. Her motivation was first and foremost a desperate cry for help, an appeal over the heads of the Palace who confined her, to the people who loved her. She wanted to make known to those people her true story, so that they might judge her worth for themselves.

She may now be gone, but her words are with us for ever. When I wrote *Diana, Her True Story* her testimony was used *sotto voce* throughout the text — in short, direct quotation or through third parties. One of the abiding sadnesses of her short life was that she never truly had the chance to "sing openly". If she had enjoyed a full life she would probably have written her own memoirs at some point. Sadly, that is no longer possible. The testimony which follows is her life story as she wanted to tell it. Her words are now all we have of her, her testament, the nearest we will now ever get to her autobiography. No one can deny her that.

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Diana and a gillie on the Duke of Westminster's Scottish estate during her honeymoon

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A portrait of Diana with Prince Harry and Prince William that appears in the Child of Achievement Awards annual

Diana agreed to supply the Spencer family albums, containing photographs such as this one with her sister, Jane

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THE TIMES

Richard Cork on the young Rembrandt's violent biblical masterpiece, on show at the National Gallery. Plus other London shows

Blinded by a savage brilliance

There is nothing seductive about the light irradiating Rembrandt's *The Blinding of Samson*. It hits our eyes like the flash from a bomb-blast, and the scene disclosed by the glare is almost too horrible to explore. But Rembrandt ensures that his titanic painting is impossible to evade. We find ourselves lingering in front of the canvas, appalled by the ferocity of the crime it depicts.

On loan to the National Gallery from the Städelsches Kunstinstitut in Frankfurt, this truculent image reveals the most disquieting side of Rembrandt's protean imagination. Executed in 1636, when the 30-year-old artist was primarily renowned for his portraits, it shows the seriousness of his ambitions as a history painter. Rubens, whose success he wanted to emulate, had already proved that the Old Testament story of Samson's downfall could be dramatised on the grand scale. But Rembrandt wanted to go further than merely echoing the mood of stealthy, candlelit treachery in Rubens's celebrated *Samson and Delilah*.

The young Rembrandt had no time for classical decorum, and the Bible's account of Samson's blinding by the Philistines proved an irresistible challenge. He chose the moment when the violence was at its sadistic peak. Far from underplaying the assault, he made it as specific as possible. The composition bristles with fierce diagonals, all pointing inexorably towards Samson's face. The most thrusting element is the weapon held by the halberdier. He stands astride the foreground, pushing his thick, ugly blade towards the Jewish giant. Painted with a cursory roughness that matches his belligerence, he seems eager to administer the *coup de grâce*.

But fear as well as aggression can be detected in his wildly enlarged eyes. He knows that Samson was strong enough to kill a thousand Philistines with the jawbone of an ass. So his whole body remains tense, bracing itself for the possibility that the captive may throw off his tormentors and retaliate.

Rembrandt counters the soldier's stance by making the deceptive Delilah rush in the opposite direction. Carrying the "seven locks" sheared from Samson's head, her arm juts forward in apparent triumph. His tendrils stream in the air like smoke from an Olympic torch, and her hurtling energy looks unstoppable. But why the need to run, if the operation's success is assured? The temptress's face, however, betrays emotions more ambiguous than straightforward gloating. While allowing herself to smile, she glances back at her stricken lover with apprehension in her eyes.

Delilah only has to look at his right foot, flung out towards her like a mighty reproach, in order to gauge Samson's anguish. Naked and defenceless, it reacts in a spasm to the unbearable pain travelling down from his head. All five toes are bent forward, clenching themselves against the outrage. But he can do nothing to ward off his assailants. Far more uncouth than his handsome, sculpturally muscled counterpart in Rubens's painting, he topples backwards.

He raises his right arm in desperation and bunches the fist, as if ready to fell his enemies with a single, decisive blow. But another soldier manacles his wrist, and pulls the chain so hard that Samson's weathered skin bleeds. All he can do is flail, unable to stop a third soldier from leaning over the upturned arm and pulling at the captive's luxuriant yet grey-flecked beard. The chain-mail hand seems bent on tearing a hank of hair away, thereby humiliating his victim still further. His armour gleams invincibly in the light, contrasting with Samson's bare and vulnerable flesh.

No one can prevent him from fulfilling his cruel aim. He clasps his instrument of torture not at the handle but further down, around the viciously twisted blade. This must arise from the need for absolute accuracy. However forcefully he pushes his dagger deep into the right eye, he wants to function with surgical exactitude. The blinding must be irreversible.

Rembrandt spares us nothing in his determination to show the deed in all its excruciating gruesomeness. As the curved blade hits the eye-ball, blood shoots up in leaping lines of liquid, red against the soldier's black armour. Rembrandt's brushwork, so free in the halberdier's limbs, here becomes grimly precise. He lavishes special care on the dagger's elaborate handle, carved into the shape of an oriental figurine. The sight of this bald, peaceful, Buddha-like form, gazing down the blade to the gory point of impact, only adds to the sense of revulsion.

Lines of anguish score Samson's brow, while two rows of yellow teeth are exposed as he tries to prevent himself from screaming. His mouth looks even more clenched when compared with the soldier on the painting's right edge. Plumed, moustachioed and expensively clothed, he raises his sword in an attitude of command. But the atrocity of the blinding startles him, and his mouth opens in an involuntary yell.

As an artist who depended so heavily on the health of his own eyes, Rembrandt must have regarded the act of blinding with utter dismay. That is surely why he was able to paint Samson's plight with such convincing insight. The outcome was so profoundly unsettling that it may even have alienated the influential connoisseur and collector Constantijn Huygens, who had previously been instrumental in fostering Rembrandt's precocious career. Realising that Huygens often admired violent subjects, the artist appears to have given his patron *The Blinding of Samson* and advised him to "hang this piece in a strong light, so that one can stand at a distance and it will have the best effect". Huygens's response is not recorded, but the alarming impact of this canvas probably played its part in turning him against Rembrandt's work. Soon after receiving it, Huygens's interest in his protégé cooled.

For his part, Rembrandt turned against the painting as well. In later years he moved away from its exclamatory manner towards a far quieter, more introspective approach. His work gained in profundity as he grew older, and yet there is no denying the macabre brilliance of this early showpiece. In its merciless light, so different from the perpetual darkness to which Samson is condemned, Rembrandt is brave enough to confront us with humanity's capacity for barbarism at full stretch.

● The Blinding of Samson, *National Gallery (0171-839 3321) until Nov 16*

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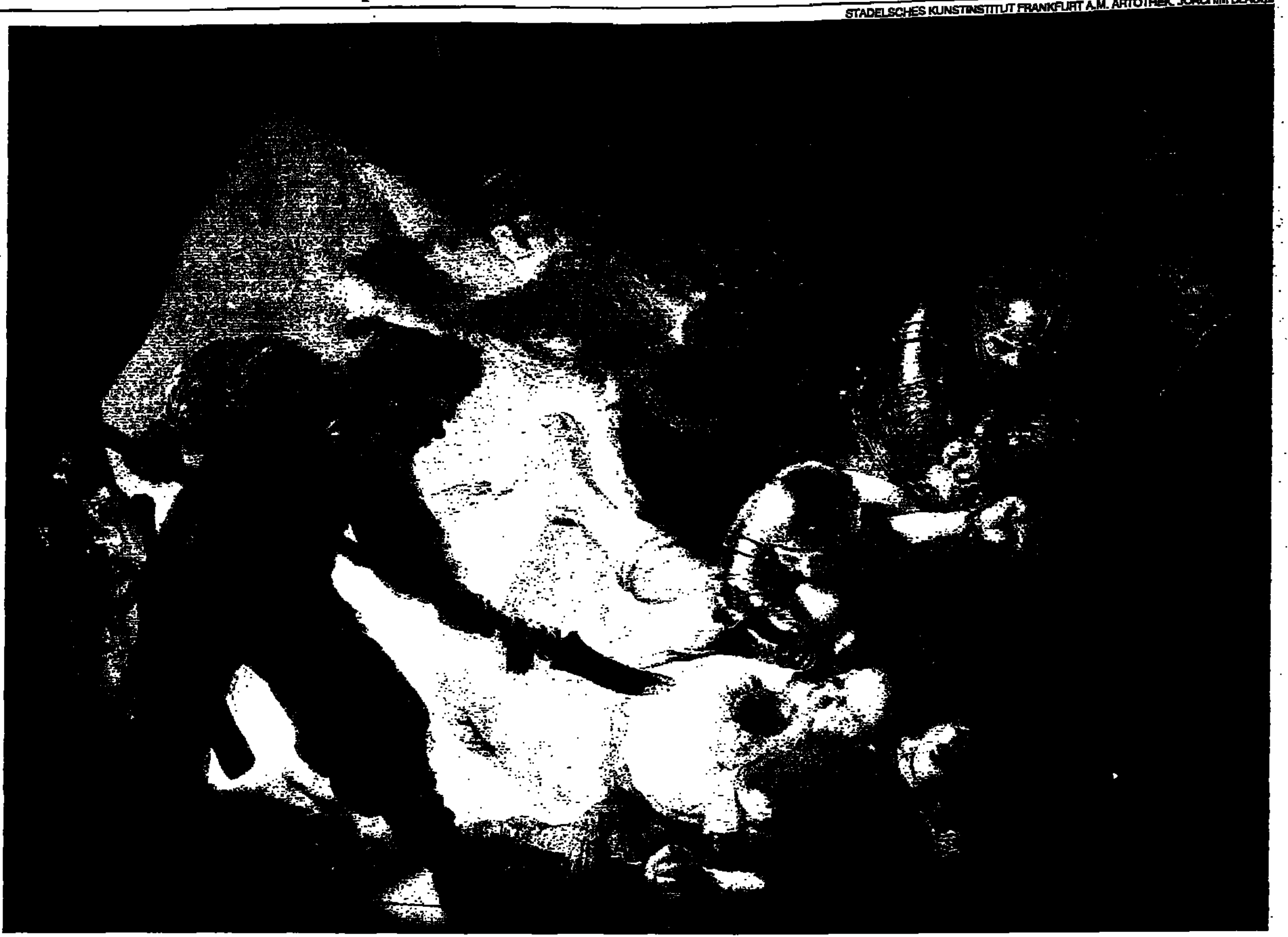


The Blinding of Samson, painted when Rembrandt was 30. Later he moved away from its exclamatory manner towards a quieter, more introspective approach

AROUND THE GALLERIES

☐ IN RECENT years it has become fashionable to suggest that, whenever two artists are married, the wife is inevitably pushed into the background. The matter does not arise with the **Carlines**, Richard and Nancy, who are at the centre of a new exhibition at the National Theatre. No doubt he is slightly better remembered because of his close friendship with his brother-in-law Stanley Spencer and his writings on art, rather than his painting. In fact, she was the more passionately motivated painter of the two. On the other hand, it was through him and his family that Nancy (Higgins, as she then was) came in contact with Spencer and his circle, and the whole galaxy of artists which revolved round the Carlines' family home in Hampstead.

The show includes, as well as sundry Carlines and Spencers, work by Gertler, Ruszkowski and Carel Weight, but Nancy emerges as the real discovery. When she left the Slade in 1932 she went first to work in the costume department of Sadler's Wells, and a certain theatrical flair and colour pervade her work. Richard's work is more analytical and intellectual; Nancy's remains throughout moody and romantic.

Olivier Lobby, National Theatre, SE1 (0171-928 2033); Mon-Sat 10am-11pm, until Nov 8

☐ PORNO film posters of the Sixties and Seventies are being subjected to serious critical scrutiny in **Sexhibition** at the Metro Cinema deep in Soho. The films in question are all British, and all legit to the extent, at least, that they boast a BBFC X certificate, which meant that a veil was tactfully drawn over anything that might offend the most puritanical. Also, while many of the films were amateurish, the posters for such as *Emanuelle Meets the Wife Swappers* are thoroughly professional, designed by very capable poster designers in the same spirit of artistic application that they might have brought to *Doctor Zhivago*. The result is a curiously beguiling innocence, not even as knowing as a seaside postcard, and on the whole much prettier.

Metro Cinema, 11 Rupert Street, W1 (0171-932 0343); daily 1.30-11pm, until Oct 21

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

Robespierre the winner by a head

THEATRE

Danton's Death
Gate

For conspiracy theorists there is a novel twist to Georg Büchner's cynical tilt at the last ten days of Danton's life. Whether by accident or design, David Farr's vigorous version puts one in mind not of the French Revolution in 1794, but of the ugly scramble for Conservative leadership after the Tory aristocracy was duly decapitated in 1997.

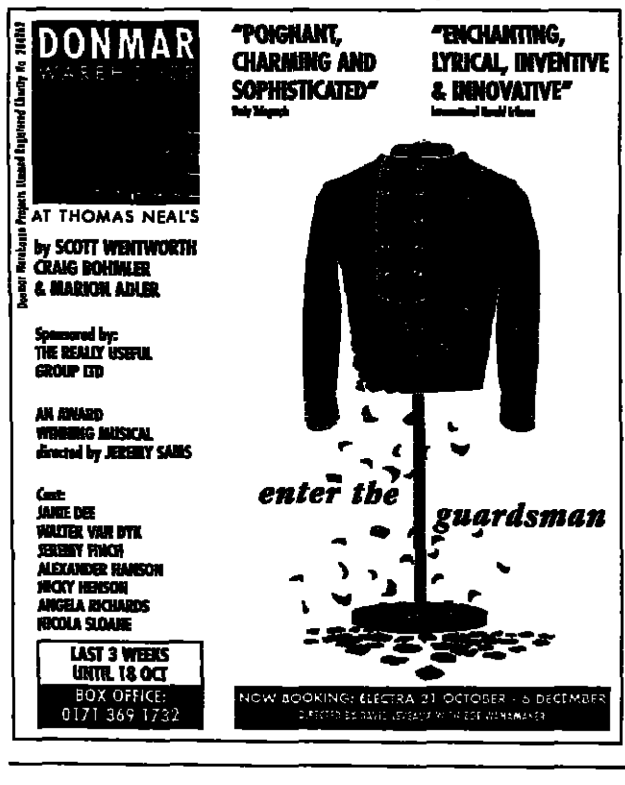
William Hague is here played by Jamie Newall's evangelical Robespierre; Ken Clarke by Breffni McKenna's bonhomous Danton. The duelling orators — one uptight and dangerously ambitious, the other affable and hung over — circle and knife each other from the safety of the soapbox. This last prop is the thematic key to Antony MacIlwaine's unusual set. Every wall has a soapbox or rampart from which the politicians shout their prejudices like Greek demagogues. Indeed the entire audience is forced to sit on wooden boxes.

It makes good thematic sense because the best bits of Büchner's documentary satire are declaimed in speeches: towering polemics delivered with fantastic fervour by Robespierre and Danton. Newall's Robespierre, not breaking sweat but picking pedantically at his ring finger, plays dirty and brilliant, appealing, like a brimstone cleric to Virtue, that no man can be greater than the revolution. Danton, yesterday's man about to be tomorrow's headless entertainment, rouses himself from his melancholy stupor to deliver firebrand speeches of seething indignation. It is breathtaking to think how young Büchner was when he wrote these verbal pyrotechnics: he died aged 23.

Although it is Danton's death, this is clearly Robespierre's play. Brooding like Salieri on Danton's popularity and on his loose and libertine ways with prostitutes, Robespierre unleashes a witch-hunt against the architect of the revolution. It is a fantastic performance: psychotic, compelling . . . believable.

The peasant chorus duly concurs that there is no contest when it comes to choosing a good guillotining over a loaf of bread. My only real niggle is that the tempo falls flat in the jagged documentary scenes, of which there are far too many. The few that work are lit like oil paintings, the actors frozen like waxworks until brought to life. "Danton, don't you think that death is a shallow, miserable waste of time?" asks Milo Twomey's Camille in one such scenario. When the small cart bearing the doomed revolutionaries is pulled to the scaffold by Robespierre and St Just, you have a chilling idea of what he means.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER



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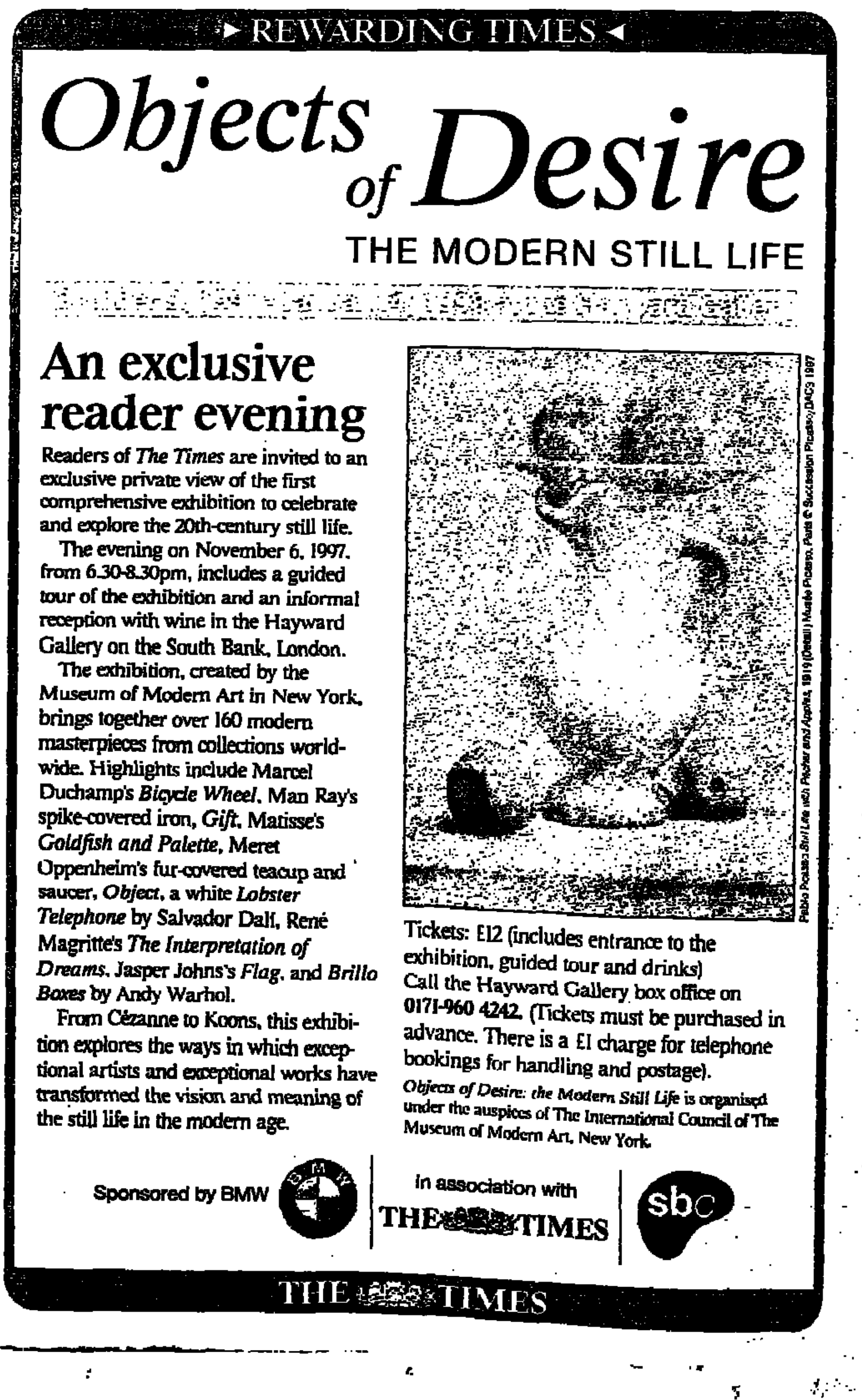

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Epic journey into the light

LONDON CONCERTS: MacMillan's new *Vigil Symphony*, and two top fiddlers, reviewed by **Hilary Finch**

James MacMillan is certainly "Raising Sparks". That's the title of a festival of his music starting on Thursday on the South Bank. But it was the Barbican that lit the tinder on Sunday with the premiere of his three-movement symphony, *Vigil*, the last in a triptych of works commissioned by the **London Symphony Orchestra**.

The Vigil is, specifically, the Easter Saturday vigil of the Christian Church; the Light and Water which name the outer movements are elements that pervade the liturgy. As is customary with MacMillan, metaphysical concepts inspire a raw physicality of music-making — and for the listener, when the music is at its best, vice versa.

But the movements' titles could be misleading. The first movement lives in almost unrelieved aural darkness: an inchoate breath of cellos and basses, a shuddering of metal. There is a sense that we wait, and the waiting is long.

At last a fragment of the chant *Lumen Christi* is intoned by an offstage brass quintet. When they enter the auditorium, it is as if Verdi's *Tuba mirum* has met Strauss's *Zarathustra* head on. The Proclamation of Easter peals out deafeningly, before being placated by a celeste-voiced keyboard.

The final movement begins at the white-hot centre of the flame, though its heat is soon quenched in the aqueous element as the body of violins plays for the first time, high, sweet and transparent. A wild dance alternates with their textures until the one is thrillingly and confidently transformed into the other. The 50-minute symphony's grand design, delineated with commitment by the baton of Mstislav Rostropovich, is powerfully experienced as one symbolising birth and rebirth.

A sizeable portion of the audience slept or winced, impatient for Maxim Vengerov's Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto after the interval. And who would not be impatient for Vengerov? His genius in renewing this work was perhaps the only adequate counterbalance to MacMillan's mighty act of creation.

In the **Philharmonia**'s Festival Hall concert, meanwhile, the 17-year-old Sarah Chang played Bruch's Violin Concerto as if proclaiming the existence of a new and revolutionary work; and Kurt Sanderling, who has just celebrated his 85th birthday, conducted Beethoven's Sixth Symphony as if absorbed in a pastoral reverie of his own.

In the Bruch, the partnership between youth and age was compelling to watch. Chang has suddenly ceased to be a child, and the sheer physical strength and poise of playing in which she takes palpable pleasure clearly inspirited both Sanderling and the Philharmonia.

Just as Chang's own incisive rhythms were controlled by Sanderling's robust structural sense, so — even within the most virtuoso passages — Chang was at pains to make chamber-musical contact with her colleagues. The fast vibrato of her *Adagio* was never indulged by rubato: time was robbed and paid back only as a function of shape and dynamic shading.

The Philharmonia was at its most beneficent in Beethoven's *Pastoral Symphony*. Sanderling's way was not to challenge overtly with a new way of hearing Beethoven nor, in the *Peasants' Merrymaking*, to bring in a whiff of the silage. This was emotion recollected in tranquillity; the rural scenes gently yet vividly painted on the walls of an 18th-century hunting-lodge.

The title of the **BBC Symphony Orchestra**'s new Festival Hall series, *Three of a Kind*, begs plenty of questions about the relationship between Schoenberg, Berg and Webern. And, if Friday's opening concert was anything to go by, the performances, too, will break down preconceptions.

Take Webern, for instance: he who, after abandoning tonality in his early songs, set about the task of creating purely instrumental atonal, athematic music in his Six Pieces Op 6 of 1909. Nearly a century on, the best performances — and this was certainly one of them — make us hear the late romanticism purring behind the music. Was this a revolution in language, or was it the last, nostalgic obsequies for a dialect?

The BBCSO performed the original full scoring of the Six Pieces, and the sight of an orchestra the size of that for Mahler's Sixth Symphony dropping these miniatures into space seldom fails to recreate that sense of wonder which is at the very heart of Webern's music. And Pierre Amoyal's performance of Berg's Violin Concerto emphasised the all-pervasive lyricism of a work in which the solo voice sings and continues to sing against all odds.

"Maeterlinck and Schoenberg: rays of God!" wrote Webern in a letter to Berg. The response of their teacher, mentor and father figure to the Belgian playwright's *Pelléas et Mélisande* is all too seldom heard. For Schoenberg's 45-minute symphonic poem is everything one might expect Schoenberg *not* to be. This early work of 1904 out-Strausses Strauss in its epic narrative, and Andrew Davis and the BBC SO relished its vast *Jugendstil* frieze of jewelled colours and dark, coiled undergrowth.

DONALD COOPER

Rosemarie Arthars (Angele), Louise Crane (Countess Kozokov) and Timothy Richards (Rene) in Lehár's excellent *The Count of Luxembourg*

Carte blanche to entertain

OPERETTA

The Count of Luxembourg/Iolanthe

Wolverhampton

Another new start for D'Oyly Carte, and a highly promising one: a new home at Wolverhampton's cosy, welcoming old Grand Theatre (1894), about to be given an £8 million facelift; a new sponsor in Tarmac plc (long may they last); and, perhaps most significantly, for the first time an Arts Council grant, grudgingly made earlier this year ("to prevent the company from disbanding") and of uncertain size — February's £100,000 has since magically risen to £250,000. If all this helps the company in its declared aim to become the National Light Opera Company, all to the good: there is a treasure trove of repertory to be explored, from Offenbach to Kern to Rodgers and Sondheim, a repertory to which the national companies can scarcely do justice.

The company has two great assets: its name, whose worth is incalculable in terms of goodwill alone; and, in John Owen Edwards, a music director with a real feel for what these pieces can yield. His orchestra was both small enough for one to wonder afresh at the felicities of Sullivan's orchestration and big enough to produce a fat, juicy sound for the company's first stab at Lehár. Both evenings were jam-packed with solid musical pleasure.

The Count of Luxembourg is surely Lehár's best piece after the *Widow*. The plot tells of a couple who marry for ignoble reasons (ready money and social status), pseudonymously and without seeing each other; they then meet and fall in love but, being married, can't get it together; romance and irony are adroitly mixed. It is not problem-free: the plot takes too long to get going and an unconscionable time getting resolved — some judicious cutting would not come amiss. But the big moments, especially the premonition of true romance at the wedding, are wonderful, and so are the tunes, almost wonderful enough for the number of reprises to which Lehár subjects them.

Chris Monks's lively new production, in smart Art Deco sets by Kristian Vang Rasmussen and shared with Jutland Opera, could do with a touch more astringency in the second act to temper the Mills & Boon content, and while it must be difficult to transpose a bourgeois Viennese idea of "gay Paree" in 1909 to Wolverhampton in 1997, I am not sure that an epidemic of cross-dressing is the answer. The company badly needs a make-up expert on its strength, and the prima donna's wig should be taken out and burnt forthwith.

The romantic leads, Rosemarie Arthars and the promising young tenor Timothy Richards, sound good; Jacqueline Varsey is a highly skilled, utterly traditional soubrette; Gordon Sandison tackles the tricky buffo role with enormous skill. Trimmed by 15 minutes, this would be a lovely show.

No such problems with Fenton Gray's production of *Iolanthe*, which uses James Hendy's designs from the last D'Oyly Carte production and is splendidly disrespectful in quite the best sense — even more so than Gilbert himself was. The fairies are acid-tongued flappers, the peers all in their second childhood. The fairy joke is played to the hilt, and there are some other double-entendres that not even I had twigged before. My goodness, Gilbert was a naughty old man.

There are some beautifully sharp performances: Gillian Knight, in fearsome Barbara Cartland *maquillage* as the Fairy Queen; Sandison taking the line about "the bar of this house" as his cue for a Mountararat in an advanced stage of delirium tremens; Charlotte Page a tart little Phyllis. Private Willis (Gareth Jones) is given some good jokes about new Labour. A lovely evening.

RODNEY MILNES

JAZZ: Chris Parker revels in more than four jam-packed hours of a genius nearing his peak

First-class on the A Trane

OVER four nights in 1961, the legendary saxophonist John Coltrane, his quartet and various guests (chief among them alto/bass clarinet player Eric Dolphy) stretched the boundaries of jazz just that little bit further. The results have appeared before, scattered across a number of albums, but only now can the full experience be savoured on **The Complete 1961 Village Vanguard Recordings** (Impulse! IMPD4232).

The set, which includes three previously unissued tracks, was recorded just as Coltrane was establishing his classic quartet, and shows the great man exploring and experimenting. The four-and-a-half-hour album's high spots generally spring from the extraordinary musical rapport between him and drummer Elvin Jones. But Dolphy's many admirers will also thrill at his daring intervallic leaps and innovative harmonic approach.

Coltrane himself is in obsessive quest mode, often sounding downright anguished. Pianist McCoy Tyner copes manfully with both a tinny piano and his boss's frequent requests to lay out. Overall, this is as far as live jazz gets from the crowd-pleasing grandstanding of, say, Jazz at the Philharmonic.

Meanwhile, the latest album from Chris Potter, **Unspoken** (Concord CCD-4775-2), further cements his growing reputation as a major voice on both tenor and soprano. One of a number of contemporary saxophonists who draw as much from the easy elegance of the swing masters as from subsequent, more febrile developments in jazz, his previous Concord albums have been slightly too polite to capture the fire and spirit of his earliest Criss Cross efforts.

But here his stellar band — guitarist John Scofield, bassist Dave Holland and drummer Jack DeJohnette — provide just the impetus Potter needs to show his class, as both skilful composer and cogent soloist.

Potter's compositions range from bustling, straight-ahead springboards for lively solo rounds through idiosyncratic tangos and blues to swooning ballads. But he combines vigour and grace throughout with a degree of cultivated assurance that brings to mind the likes of Joe Lovano and Joe Henderson.

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Reviewed by Stephen Plaistow

With its celebrated finale, the *Rondo alla turca*, this sonata has probably given many people their first impression of Mozart. Yet its formal scheme is far from typical — none of the three movements is in sonata form.

The opening Theme and Variations, of a deceptive simplicity, are a case perhaps of music which is too easy for children and too difficult for grown-ups. The theme needs the poise of a dancer and the declamation of the finest lyricist, and pianists who can assume those roles and at the same time suggest a child's naturalness and sense of wonder are not often come by. Edwin Fischer was one and his 1933 recording (Pearl GEMM CD 9481) sounds as fresh as the day it was made.

In the six variations most players opt for restraint and a nicely modulated tone of voice. Those more forward with the expression and offering stronger contrasts of colour and character achieve more. Ivo Pogorelich shows a willingness on his recording (DG 437 763 2) to make robust statements that is refreshing after the correctness and anodyne good taste of others. More consistently satisfying, however, are the versions by Mitsuko Uchida (Philips 446 238-2) and Alfred Brendel (Philips 454 244 — 2 CDs), who make you feel the power of Mozart and the range of this sonata, which includes an eloquent expression of homage to Gluck in one of the variations and in the Trio section of the Minuet.

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Peter Stothard sees a party pinioned by political taxidermists

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Such was the art of the wealthy 19th-century naturalist, Edward Thomas Booth, whose legacy, locked in 300 glass cases, is one of the local attractions on show to Labour Party delegates this week. Such is the art too, protesters complain, of the political modernisers who have created the main show in town with a vision, brutality and obsessive attention to detail that would have surely made Brighton's great Victorian hunter proud to know them.

The Booth Museum was one of the first to show dead birds in lavishly painted likenesses to the fields, rocks and lakes where they once enjoyed life. It is a popular haunt for lovers of Victoriana, taxidermy and also of Brighton itself, where some of the great "bird stuffing" companies of the age had their headquarters. For that reason it is perhaps not the most cheerful place from which to contemplate one's fate as a common-or-garden attender of new Labour conferences. But the curators have ambitious expansion plans and hopes for lottery grants. They may not expect too many visitors to give up their festival of congratulation to drop by. But they are ever hopeful.

> The defeat of Mandelson was a rare success of the masses against the system

After the opening days, they know that the fun of the conference can quickly fade. In the Grand Hotel bar there are only so many kisses that can be exchanged. In the Metropole foyer there are only so many election souvenirs to be traded and jobs to be sought in the new empires of patronage. The defeat of Peter Mandelson in the NEC election was a rare success of the masses against the system. But once Gordon Brown has delivered his last millennial aspirations and Tony Blair has been seen on the closed-circuit TV (only the most privileged can guarantee themselves a seat to see him in the flesh), the delegates may want to leave their 8ft wire cage around the Brighton Centre and look further afield.

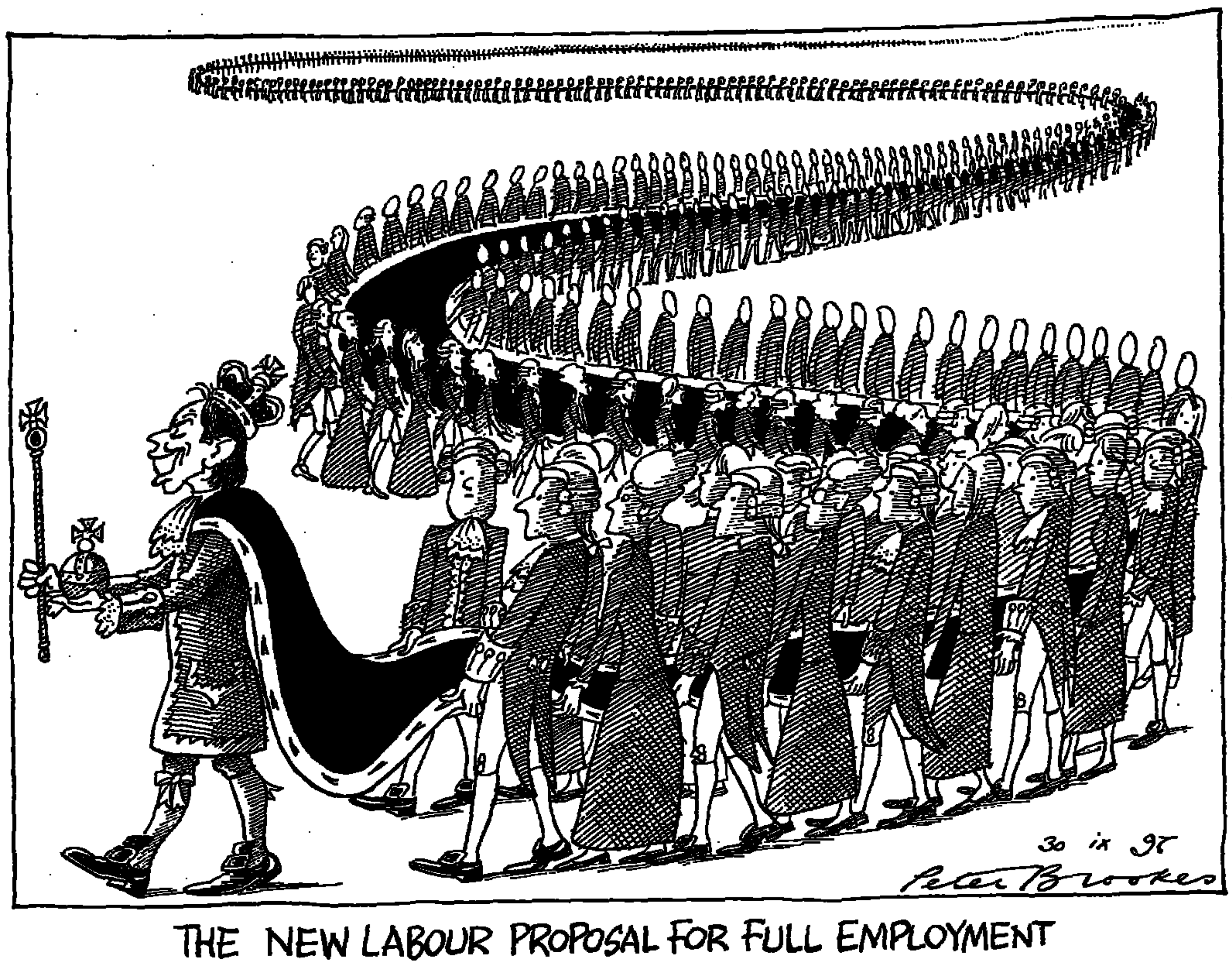
In the Booth Museum they will find that at least only the birds are silent, stuffed and behind bars. Outside in the conference area, every would-be politician has to be so careful before they open their mouths that some might actually like to have their jaws wired in the permanent gape of a tree-creeper. This is the party of government now — or so they have been warned. Liberal Democrats can rant about euthanasia; Tories can plot to assassinate yet another leader; but new Labour needs the discipline of the great naturalists of old. Its snipe can snipe no more. The razorbill has to turn his razor on some enemy species instead of doing what razorbills do best, attacking fellow members of their clan. The shoveller duck can shovel muck around its cage as much as it likes — as long as it does not drop any around the leadership. Grouse are welcome — preferably with a fine claret from the De Vere cellars. Grousers are not.

Of course, not all of those on the seafront feel that their liberty is constrained. The backroom advertising executives and election strategists are basking in the Brighton sun and may never feel the need to sneak away for morbid museum tours. Their job is done and they can rest secure in the plaudits of even those whom victory has condemned to a sort of useless servitude. The result in May was a triumph that can never be taken away from the private pollsters and geniuses of strategy. Nothing that the politicians can do will decry their success in steering Labour through to victory. The 178-seat majority will be forever on their CVs, helping them to win political accounts from troubled democrats (and not so democrats) all over the world. Nothing that ministers or delegates do from now onwards will make the slightest difference to their prospects.

The second group at liberty is made up of the spin-doctors who are still spinning and the spin-doctors who want to become full-scale politicians in their own right. Peter Mandelson, who will be back on top long before he is out, is only the best known of this species. Their motto is permanent vigilance. They are never happier than when catching, freezing and stuffing every cuckoo, jay, jackdaw or birdy troublemaker they can find. Theirs is the skill with the skinning-pliers (acute or obtuse, depending upon the need); theirs is the art of deciding whether the former flying creature would look better with its left wing broken or its right, whether it deserves a plaster brain or woodchips. That is their art — and a successful modern party cannot prosper without artists of their sort.

Meanwhile the great mass of delegates, its sense of success intensified by the scale of victory, has to be given something to do. One job in Brighton is to talk to the thousands of bankers, corporate accountants, environmental pressurisers and lobbyists. These contributors to new Labour coffers do not feel happy if they spend the week talking to each other.

The bolder activist can aspire to a constituency post on the new NEC or a place on a policy forum. But what is the victorious infantry to do? Going back to its constituencies and preparing for powerlessness is not enough. Like all victorious soldiery it must be kept for when it is next needed to face the enemy and kept content enough to stop it attacking its own generals in the meantime. Some leadership problems are new: most are even older than the birds of Edward Booth.



THE NEW LABOUR PROPOSAL FOR FULL EMPLOYMENT

Yesterday's agenda

Why does the prestige of politics go unchallenged at the BBC when there's a world outside Westminster?

Libby Purves

I caught myself out in a nasty little vice the other day. Not just a common one, like gluttony or impure thoughts: only a tiny minority of the adult population is even tempted to this perversion, and a great many of those are so far lost to decency that they make a living at it. My excuse is the time of year, for these are dangerous weeks and the fumes from Brighton are very strong.

Reader, I confess it. For fleeting, shallow pleasure I fell into the eighth deadly sin, the sin of political analysis. Listening to Robin Cook on the radio, I found myself narrowing my eyes and saying: "Hah! I wonder what Gordon Brown will think of that! Especially considering what he said after that remark by Prescott about Peter Mandelson . . ."

The madness was on me. I no longer wanted Mr Cook to say something informative about the single currency or arms sales. I wanted him to say something which would enable me mentally to construct a wicked little Punch-and-Judy show in which members of the elected Government bopped one another with big clubs and squawks of "Yaroo!" and "Bastards!" I wanted the interviewer to prod and provoke and tease Mr Cook with suggestions that his colleagues didn't respect him, until he lost his rag and started spluttering. This is known, in media circles, as "setting the agenda".

Then I wanted to tune to the next programme down the line and hear a political commentator speak of "crisis", in the warm certainty that next day all the newspapers would be full of "unprecedented rows" and "splits". You see how low I had sunk. I didn't want the Government to get on with its job and tell us the truth: I wanted it to rip itself to pieces in public, for my amusement.

The guilt returned yesterday, when with nice irony the *Today* programme — one of the very groups whose mission it is to stir up rows between politicians — was itself the victim of outside stirring. In Paul Donovan's forthcoming (and horribly entertaining) history of the programme, there is a solemn analysis of the precedence of the current presenters. Hold on to your seats for the revelation that Mr Humphrys gets the "important" 8.10am political interview 67 per cent of the time when he is on duty, while Mr Naughtie gets it 47.8 per cent of the time and Miss MacGregor 29.65 per cent.

This is accompanied by some lighthearted remarks from the latter about "M. C. Piggery" and a certain colleague who "oozes testosterone" (a metaphor so robustly revolting that I recognise it with joy as coming authentically from Our Sue). Thence a rash of newspaper stories full of BBC people "denying claims" and "rebutting accusations". Very satisfying to see the tables turned: next time a politician finds himself being goaded over the state of his relations with colleagues, he can snap back "Look who's talking, Mister 67 per Cent!"

The trio, and the BBC, have assured the stir-artists of the press that they all love one another, and I tend to believe them, more or less. But the programme, like our trade in general, has started enough embarrassing dogfights to deserve a dose of its own medicine. Take the fate which befell poor Austin Mitchell, MP, retold in Donovan's book. Writing on Labour policymaking, he jokingly quoted a party member who had asked what was the difference between Labour processes and those of Kim Il Sung, the Korean dictator. Picked up and quoted, by way of another newspaper's powerful spin and a bit of chortling on *Today* by Michael Heseltine, the remark was transformed into a story that Austin Mitchell had compared his leader to Kim Il Sung, which he never did: "So here I am, my career ruined, my future in the Labour Party wrecked, and all because of the *Today* programme."

This happens all the time in political journalism, and then we have the nerve to complain that politicians are dull and wordy and inhuman. If they are, it is our fault. We force them to drone banalities by keeping them in a crazy echo-chamber where everything they say is distorted into madness and amplified by 24-hour speculation and extrapolation. We force them to speak in cheap slogans because if they try to admit difficulty or ambiguity, or say anything heartfelt or complex, we wilfully misunderstand. Look at what keeps happening to Clare Short.

The *Today* shenanigan, frothy in itself, sheds some useful light on this major absurdity of our time. *Today* is a pivotal part of our whole culture of reporting: its methods and values are taken up by television and print. Embedded in this culture, and evident in the "prestige" row, is a strangely unchallenged conviction that the most important thing you can do is to speak to a Cabinet minister at ten past eight, and get him or her to say something which will start the echo-chamber roaring. It may not advance the cause of public understanding or good government or truth, but it "sets the agenda", and that is what counts. It seems not to matter if the agenda turns out to be complete cobblers.

To go back in the programme's history — and incidentally my own — it is interesting to find a view from the 1970s, when this culture first began to dominate. As a junior producer I used to find it hilarious to watch two grown men, Brian Redhead and John Timpson, eyeing one another's list of morning interviews with the jealous intensity of small children counting Smarties. Timpson, in affable retirement, now says with frankness: "He felt deeply about politics . . . I could never take politics seriously at all. But to keep the thing balanced I insisted on doing as many political interviews as he did, although most of the time I wasn't too clear what I was talking about."

There you are: even if you think it's nonsense, you must play the big boys' game. Never mind that there is a whole world outside Westminster, its reporting squeezed by nine-minute marathons of empty obfuscation; never mind that the lay listener may be bored stiff with face-slapping matches and find more nourishment in some unsung reporter's exposure of solid fact. The primacy of the political interview, half clubby and half club-wielding, is unchallenged, and imitated one rank below by similarly ritual encounters with lobbyists and tub-thumpers. Nor does anybody seem to have noticed that when the presenters themselves are permitted to report on some actual event, they shine far more brightly.

Luckily, when my own time came to present *Today* for three and a half years, I was so young and idealistic that it never occurred to me that interviewing Cabinet ministers represented the path to enlightenment. At party conference time I was content to be the one left behind to cover the rest of the known universe. They did make me go to some EC summits during the Prime Minister's "Non!" period, but I never did grasp the fun of sitting around in smoky rooms until 2am waiting to be told absolutely nothing (in a great many words) by Bernard Ingham. Once I went to bed early and met the producer and an economics correspondent next morning at 5.30. "What happened?" I asked, and simultaneously the producer said "Nothing" and the economist "Crisis!"

Finally we sorted out a form of words to cover a crisis in which nothing occurs, and went on the air with it. But I never regarded it as a pinnacle scaled. As a reward for this female uselessness in the political arena, I got sent to China instead, and had the glorious experience of saying: "From Peking, over now to Brian in Brighton at the Liberal Party Conference." All around me baffled Chinese cadres, who had never seen a live programme and yearned for democracy, stood listening to the prattle from the other side of the world ("It looks as if Mrs Thatcher may be wobbling on that"). Some of them took notes. Poor devils.

My hunch is that the mode will pass. Already there are signs of change: the recorded feature, the sound of real reporting, is making a discernible comeback. Once or twice recently there has been such a report without it being immediately followed by a brace of squabbling politicians. If I were Sue MacGregor I would wear my 29.65 per cent proudly, like a badge of freedom.

Brown's poisoned cocktail

Anatole Kaletsky says we mustn't be bounced into EMU

As Tony Blair and Gordon Brown bask in the adulation of the party faithful at Brighton, a possible clash between the next door neighbours at Downing Street is looming into view. At stake, predictably, are the issues that have poisoned the relationships between so many previous Prime Ministers and Chancellors of both parties — the explosive cocktail of sterling and Europe.

We may never know whether Mr Brown's political office was responsible for placing last week's story about an imminent announcement on joining European monetary union. But the ambiguity of the Treasury's response — the story was dismissed as "pure speculation", but was not specifically denied — suggests that Mr Brown was not displeased to see these rumours circulating in the media and gaining the financial markets. What, then, are Mr Brown and his friends really up to? Let us engage in some "pure speculation".

First and foremost the Cabinet's Euro-enthusiasts are trying to create unstoppable "momentum" (a favourite term of new Labour politicos) for British membership of EMU. Although Mr Brown would probably like to join the single currency as quickly as possible, the precise date of joining is less important than the sense that membership is inevitable. Once this conviction becomes sufficiently widespread, it becomes a waste of time to debate the principles of the single currency project or the costs and benefits of Britain staying out in the long term. Inevitabiilty has the further advantage of making the Euro-phobic Tories seem to be living on another planet — a party strictly for the lunatic fringe.

Last week's FT story fits perfectly with this plan. By introducing the idea that Britain might commit itself to EMU membership even before the next general election, the Treasury can hope to achieve numerous objectives. Until last week, it seemed likely that the new Government woud stick to a slightly modified version of John Major's "wait and see" approach. Britain would try to help its partners make EMU sucessful and would keep open the option of joining sometime in the indefinite future, provided the economic conditions were right and the project was going well. This seems to me to be still the most likely formulation for the Government to announce later this year.

After last week's stories, however, expectations may have been raised sufficiently for a statement like that to be represented as a "setback" for British membership of EMU and an indication of waning commitment to Europe. As a result, Mr Brown and his allies now have a new argument for pressing the Prime Minister for a stronger line, perhaps even including a commitment to join by a definite date, such as 2002.

The stories about early EMU membership also have obvious economic attractions for Mr Brown. By persuading the markets that Britain's exchange rate will be, say, DM2.65, Mr Brown may hope to undo some of the damage caused by his decision on Bank of England independence, which directly led to the uncomfortable strength of the pound.

Unfortunately for the Government, however, the markets are not stupid, however excitable and credulous they may seem in the short-term. It may soon become apparent that Britain will not, in fact, join EMU before the next election, if only for the simple reason that Tony Blair is not mad enough to jeopardise his entire political career — and with it the entire future of the Labour party — by calling a referendum which he could never be sure of winning, however high his government may stand in its own private polls.

Once markets realise this, they will calculate that there is no chance of Britain joining EMU before the next election — meaning in effect 2002. From this they will conclude that nothing that is said or rumoured today about Mr Brown's views on exchange rates will bear the slightest relationship to where the pound will be by the time Britain actually joins.

Once this becomes apparent, the pound will rebound. In the long-run, therefore, the Treasury will have achieved nothing in its attempt to manipulate the market. If, however, the EMU rumours succeed in creating a temporary bout of sterling weakness, the Bank of England may well feel obiged to respond by raising interest rates, thereby adding to the pressure on industry, since these interest rate hikes are unlikely to be reversed promptly once the pound's strength revives.

If all this comes to pass it will raise a fascinating political question. Will Mr Blair blame his Chancellor for having mismanaged sterling and damaged the economy by trying to bounce him into EMU? Or will Mr Brown manage to persuade the Prime Minister into his half-heartedness towards EMU is no longer sufficient and that the economic difficulties require Britain's commitments to be ratched up? Whichever the answer turns out to be, it will not contribute to the unity of the government or the warmth of relations between the two neighbour in Downing Street.

Mandy swings

HE may not have a portfolio, nor a seat on the national executive, but he does have a hangover. Peter Mandelson was involved in an extraordinary scene at a party in Brighton on Sunday night.

In gregarious mood, Mandelson became embroiled with nightclub bouncers during an altercation at a fringe party. As comedians Hugh Laurie and Lenny Henry entertained guests at bash at the Metropole Hotel, revellers, including Neil Kinnock and John Prescott, saw Mandelson, who had been dancing with Sinead Cusack, jump on stage to grab a microphone. Bouncers asked him to leave the stage. The minister refused. One said: "He was quite excited. Two asked him to leave — there was a kerfuffle. He stayed and did moves from *Flashdance*."

Another remarked: "He sparked a stage invasion — 30 followed. It turned into a bunfight. Lenny Henry had performed *Sex Machine* with his band Poor White Trash. The crowd went crazy." Very decorous, I am sure.

Playing ball

AMONG the cheering crowds at England's World Cup qualifier with Italy next month will be the unlikely figure of Gordon Brown. To complete his makeover from lonely technocrat to laddish Lothario, Mr Brown will travel to Rome under the guise of official Treasury business before taking his place on the terraces. Flanked by government colleagues, he will briefly shelve feelings of Scottish kinship to cheer on England.

The Chancellor's association with the sport dates back to his days selling match programmes at Raith Rovers, so he could watch games free. He has since developed a weakness for Cowdenbeath, one of the most abject sides in Britain. He still favours a kickabout with his adviser, Mr Ed Balls.

"This is a private visit," growls an aide. "He'll be supporting England at the match, and having a chat with the Italian Finance Minister." Quite so.

● *DEFEAT has not dampened the quixotic humour of Neil Kinnock. Surrounded by the blazered blades that comprise new Labour in Brighton yesterday, he was bemused to find them all talking frantically into mobile telephones. "It's the only time I've been in a room full of men where everyone is trying to prove they've got the smallest one," he sighed.*

THE TIMES DIARY

Mine kampf

AFTER a parliamentary career spent savaging CND, the defeated Tory MP Lady Olga Maitland is set to write a book about landmines to continue the crusade led by Diana, Princess of Wales.

A single visit to Bosnia in January was enough to raise her hackles. "It was ghastly," she recalls. "I can't replace Diana, but someone's got to carry on the fight. I can rough it as well as the next man — I've parachuted in Canada, you know." Despite her concern, Maitland declined ever to raise the issue in the House. "I was too busy fighting the election," she says.

Unlikely to appear in the acknowledgements page are Maitland's Conservative colleagues. "My party behaved like absolute asses. I never said so in public but I told them in private. And as for Nicholas Soames laying into Diana . . . what an old fool."

Naomi's off

CLEARLY elated at being claimed by President Mandela as his "honorary granddaughter", the Streatham supermodel Naomi Campbell is set to move to South Africa. Over the past few days she has been viewing property in Cape Town at the invitation of Mandela, who wanted to thank her for her contribution to his Children's Fund. "I do love it here," she smiled coyly from the dining car of the Blue Train, an African version of the Orient Express. "But until I buy something I can stay with my grandfather."

"You can't go anywhere without Mandelson knowing"

● *AT LAST, sympathy for spin-doctors. Charles Lewington, who did his best to sell a poor product at the last election (the Tory party) tells me that John Major once said to him: "I know I have a difficult job but I wouldn't want yours."*

Edited out

FRESH from allegations that they have short-changed Sue MacGregor, those chauvinist rotters at the BBC have done it again. Next week they celebrate 40 years of the *Today* programme by releasing a compilation of less snoozy moments. But by some dreadful oversight (or snub?) the Beeb has not included any examples of Anna Ford.

Anna Ford: silenced

Ms Ford, who led the recent rebellion against her bosses' plans to take a broom to the programme's production staff, has certainly made her mark on its history. In April, she was forced to apologise to her loyal audience after branding *The Archers'* Simon Pemberton "a shit", and last September she had a noisy on-air tiff with the then Chancellor, Ken Clarke. John Birt, the Director-General, publicly recanted on her behalf for the "shortcomings" of the interview.

Despite these milestones, no Ms Ford. Why so? Strangely, a BBC commandant would not allow me to speak to the presenter.

JASPER GERARD

THE BROWN VERSION

Unpopularity goes with a Labour Chancellor's job

It is far easier to be a Conservative than a Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer. Tory activists love phrases such as "prudent fiscal policy" or "bearing down on inflation"; to Labour delegates they resemble cough medicine. So Gordon Brown was forced yesterday to spoon out the sugar before he reminded the Labour Party conference that Britain needed "not pump-priming but prudence", "not dashes for growth but discipline". To the dour Scottish Chancellor, these might have boasts. To a conference audience aching for higher public sector pay and more money for public services, they sounded more like threats.

The main sweetener came in the form of a half-promise to restore full employment as a goal of government policy. The two words are iconic to the Left, but Mr Brown seems to have redefined them so as to lose much of their force. Full employment now means "employment opportunity for all". In other words, the Chancellor aims eventually to make all people employable — but that is not the same as creating the economic conditions in which everyone can get a job.

Through its Welfare to Work policies, the Government may be able to address the supply-side problems of unemployment. It can help the unskilled to learn skills, and remove the financial disincentives to coming off benefit. If these policies work, the level of unemployment at the peak of a boom could be reduced to just a few per cent. But what Mr Brown cannot guarantee, as he seemed to be doing yesterday, is that full employment can persist in all cases. Unless the Chancellor can work miracles and abolish the business cycle, there will be years in which the unemployed, however well qualified, will be unable to find jobs because of a low level of demand in the economy.

There are some worrying signs from the Treasury that the Chancellor does believe that he can walk on water. Although officials are impressed by Mr Brown's intelligence, they are alarmed by his arrogance and secrecy. All Labour Chancellors tend to be wary of the Treasury and try to create counterweights to it. In party mythology, this is the department that has wrecked many a Labour administration. In the 1960s, Labour created a rival, the Department of Economic Affairs; in the 1970s, it put faith in the National Economic Development Office. Neither worked as hoped. So, instead of looking for external solutions to an internal problem, Mr Brown has simply decided to import his own men.

The result is that Ed Balls, his economic adviser, and Charlie Whelan, his spin-doctor, have more power than any civil servant. Mr Brown uses officials for advice, but often takes decisions without them. As a result, relations are poor within the department. They are also poor with the Bank of England. Senior officials complain that they have to clear up the antagonisms that Mr Brown leaves in his wake.

But there is no doubting his ability, or the confidence invested in him by the Prime Minister. So far Mr Brown has managed to deliver a skilful Budget and win plaudits from the City. Given how suspicious financial markets tend to be of Labour administrations, the equanimity with which this one has been received owes much to Mr Brown's competence.

Harder decisions, inevitably, lie ahead. For this year and next, the Chancellor is bound by his manifesto commitment to the last Government's spending plans. This may infuriate and disappoint his supporters, but it is at least an untrumpable excuse for resisting public sector profligacy. By next year, the pledge will have run out and the deficit should be much smaller. Then Mr Brown will have to make invidious choices. Does he reward teachers or nurses? Does he cut taxes or raise spending? Whatever he decides, a standing ovation at conference is likely to elude him once more.

SET IN STONE

Classical architecture and concrete do not mix

The Ancient Italians well knew the violence of nature. They may not have known about tectonic plates or the geological fault that runs across the centre of Italy through Dalmatia, Turkey and into Iran. But they saw many a fine Roman building in ruins, and knew that unless their churches and cathedrals, towers and palaces were anchored firmly to the ground and able to withstand huge lateral forces, they would crack and collapse whenever the ground moved.

The earthquake that devastated Assisi at the weekend is a tragedy not only for the relatives of the victims and for those who lost their homes but for Christians and art lovers around the world. The damage to the 13th-century basilica has endangered the masterpieces by Giotto, Cimabue, Cavallini and other painters who laid the foundations of Western art. Luckily most of Giotto's 28 frescoes appear to have survived; but art restorers now face a mammoth task to piece together the myriad fragments strewn across the damaged buildings.

The Italian Government has set aside $500 million to help the striken area. But as Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister, admitted, far more will be needed. Restoration of the art and ancient buildings alone will cost at least that much. Art lovers, foundations and Italy's leading companies are ready to help. But some have added a condition that does not augur well for swift action. In view of the State's incompetence verging on outright criminality in administering the funds collected to make good the damage after the Friuli earthquake in 1976, companies are insisting that they will contribute only if they can have a hand in the running of the restoration programme. Otherwise, they say, inertia, squabbling and even embezzlement will ensure that neither the homeless are housed nor the art conserved.

Other recriminations are likely to follow. Experts are already accusing the Government of failing to pass on warnings of seismologists. More controversial is the accusation that modern restoration is responsible for much of the damage and may have put other historic buildings at risk, including the great dome of Brunelleschi's cathedral in Florence. Experts have condemned the use of reinforced concrete in place of wooden beams and joints as this changes the structure's ductility and stiffness. It is simply incompatible with older materials. They point out that earthquake damage is unpredictable, and depends on local site conditions: how much soil conditions amplify or attenuate vibrations, and how much later alterations have destroyed a building's original organic unity.

Italy, on the whole, has a good conservation record, although perhaps too keen to follow the latest fashion in engineering techniques. Rome is host to the International Centre for the Study of Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property. The important 1964 Unesco charter on restoration guidelines was drafted in Venice and the two main conservation principles — the minimum amount of intervention and the maximum reversibility — are now generally accepted. They should be the basis for the painstaking inspection that must now be made of the damaged buildings in the Assisi region and those where inappropriate restoration might have endangered the heritage. The architects of those buildings that have not collapsed must have got something right for some reason. To ignore their materials and designs would be foolish indeed.

NOTHING SACRED

Churches, sadly, must learn to protect themselves

Those dedicated to the salvation of souls have, alas, increasing reason to concentrate on their own protection. The theft from St Juliot's Church near Boscastle in north Cornwall has attracted considerable attention because of the connection that particular place has to Thomas Hardy. Without this distinctive literary link, the attack might have passed barely noted and unreported. There have been 20 such assaults in Cornwall alone recently. Across Britain, one in three churches annually will witness some form of arson, theft or vandalism.

This incident was typical of the wider pattern. The church was unlocked and unmanned at the moment of violation. The thieves snatched any item of value and cared little for the damage that might be done in the process. It was some considerable time before their activities were discovered. The prospect of an arrest appear slim. The church and community have been devastated by a crime so distasteful that most people find it incomprehensible.

The cost of all this is — in several senses — considerable. The ordinary church can afford some insurance but normally only enough to replace a stolen chalice with an inexpensive reproduction. An enormous slice of our national heritage is at risk. Although most thefts are considered "opportunist", there is increasing evidence of an international trade in religious artefacts. More churches, especially in rural areas, will be forced to follow the established trend and lock their doors to outsiders. Spiritual and cultural life will suffer as a consequence.

The primary problem here is the behaviour of man and the courts treat should such crimes with unusual severity. Distasteful as it undoubtedly is, however, modern churches must change their arrangements to guard themselves as best they can. The typical parish church would like to remain both open and secure. This requires substantial organisation. Items of value must, unfortunately, be locked away but that should not trouble visitors. Some security equipment can be used but a site of worship should not seek to cover itself in cameras like a contemporary shopping centre.

The best remedy also lies with man not modernity. A number of "church watch" schemes have been established, modelled on the neighbourhood watch programmes. The presence of even a solitary volunteer can have a dramatic impact on the crime rate. The operation of such a rota does create a considerable strain especially in remote locations. It also recalls the original purpose and practice of churchwardens. Until this century, their leading task was to preserve the sanctity of all moveable property within churches. Only after that role appeared redundant did this body take on rather broader ecclesiastical duties. It is a sad reflection of our times that such a spiritual security squad requires reinvention.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Right of under-25s to minimum wage

From the Director of the Low Pay Unit

Sir, There is no logical reason for exempting the under-25s from the national minimum wage (reports, September 25 and 26).

Such a move is out of line with the British Chamber of Commerce survey on minimum wages, published in the same week as your reports, showing that a majority (51 per cent) believed that 18 would be the most appropriate age at which to introduce it and that 42 per cent preferred 21.

Despite the DTI argument that a national minimum wage would act as a disincentive to young people to stay in education and training, we believe that it would encourage employers to invest in training young people instead of using them as substitutes for cheap labour.

The DTI also argues that a minimum wage would restrict employment opportunities for young people looking for jobs. This is the "pricing-yourself-out-of-a-job" argument used by the previous Government to justify the abolition of wage protection for the under-21s in 1986.

Since then, young people's pay has sharply fallen compared to the average: in 1987 the lowest-paid men aged 18-20 earned 32 per cent of adult male wages. Ten years later this has fallen to 27 per cent, a loss of £19.22 a week. For the lowest-paid women, the loss is £28 a week. There is no evidence of a commensurate increase in jobs.

Excluding young people from this protection will simply lead to a downward spiral in wages, increasing dependency and decreasing mobility, thus cutting opportunities to find employment. The evidence was as clear in 1986 as it is now: young people need the protection of a minimum wage even more than other workers because they are more vulnerable to exploitation.

Yours etc,
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Director,
Low Pay Unit,
27/29 Amwell Street, EC1.
September 26.

From the Chair of the British Youth Council

Sir, Young people will be appalled to hear that their efforts will count for less in building the new economy. In recent years, Government policies have consistently asked young people to put more in to society but take out less.

The loss of income support for 16 to 17-year-olds, together with the introduction of lower housing benefit rates and jobseekers allowances for under-25s, have penalised the young purely because of their age.

In addition, young people have experienced frozen training allowances, falling grant levels and the introduction of student loans. Their wages have fallen considerably compared to the national average. Between 1985 and 1995 average pay for young people fell by up to 12 per cent of the national wage. At one point, moreover, 16 to 24-year-olds accounted for one in three of those earning £2.50 per hour or less.

Attempts to introduce lower rates or exemptions from the minimum wage on the basis of age rather than experience or contribution spring from ignorance of young people's lives and circumstances. Simply because they are young does not mean they are automatically less well trained, qualified or capable of doing the job than someone else or that they can afford to live on less.

How ironic if the new Government should offer young people a new deal on the one hand while taking it away with the other.

Yours sincerely,
M. WILSON,
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British Youth Council,
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September 25.

Public sector pay

From Lord Caldecote

Sir, Her Majesty's ministers and almost all doctors, nurses and teachers in the public sector are underpaid in relation to the importance of the work they do (letters, September 22 and 23). But it is clearly impracticable to correct this by an immediate increase. Nevertheless, all should be treated alike, and there is no reason why ministers should receive preferential treatment, compared to the other public servants.

The best way to put right this anomaly is to use established pay review bodies, without coercion by the Government, to determine what increase in pay above inflation is required for each category and then to implement it over, say, a three-year period. This procedure would fairly resolve a difficult but pressing problem.

The money must be found, without detriment to the service provided, through an increase in taxation if necessary.

Yours faithfully,
CALDECOTE,
House of Lords.
September 23.

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Integrity of party system questioned

From Mr Gavin Lyall

Sir, I agree with most of Mr Michael Pinto-Duschinsky's argument against proportional representation ("Britain's removal van democracy", September 25), particularly when he warns that "The legal status of parties will need to be embedded in public law." I would far rather that parties, and those who control them (who are not always those who lead them) did not have this extra status.

The first-past-the-post system leaves many voters unrepresented — such as Tories in Scotland — but only in party-defined terms. PR will see that these *parties* are represented, but at the cost of putting in members for whom almost nobody may have voted: bypassing the voters is an obvious advantage to the parties, less so to the voters.

Since successful companies and other organisations manage without the simplistic choices and sudden reversals of the party system, I would like to see formal party structures and dogmas weakened. Here I part company with Mr Pinto-Duschinsky.

He defends general elections as giving voters power to "throw the rascals out". Agreed, but waiting for this surely delays changes and makes them more abrupt when they come. I would rather throw out *general* elections altogether. Thus, once members had been elected, they would not face re-election for five years, come what may.

Once election dates were scattered across a five-year calendar, voters could give early warning of discontent by not re-electing members who supported certain policies. This could not be dismissed as a "by-election aberration", because it would be the only sort of election we would have.

Thus we might get, in a country that prides itself on moderation and gradualism, early and gradual changes of policy rather than the melodrama of a single election night. Moreover, it should avoid the virtual paralysis we saw in Government for at least a year prior to the May 1 election.

Such a change would re-empower individual MPs, allowing them to change their minds without "betraying the principles of the party" — a phrase that seems to me as alien to democracy as proportional representation itself.

Yours faithfully,
GAVIN LYALL,
14 Provost Road, NW3.
September 25.

Protection of witnesses in rape cases

From Ms Sally Millard

Sir, There are two important grounds for opposing the introduction of screens to protect the witness in a rape case (report, September 18; letters, September 23).

First, introducing a barrier between the main witness and the rest of the court will undermine the ability of the defendant to carry out a thorough cross-examination. It will also prevent the court from being able to place the words of the witness in context.

It is vital that both the defendant and the jury are able to see the expression on the face of the witness when she answers the questions put to her. We all know that it is easier to recognise whether we are being told the truth when we see someone in person than when we talk on the telephone.

Second, it is insulting to rape victims to suggest that they are too weak to face the defendant in court and put their case. Screens are used to protect child witnesses, who are rightly seen as less capable than adults. If we accept that women need to be treated like children in court, how long before this principle is extended to other areas of our lives?

Yours faithfully,
SALLY MILLARD,
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Leeds, West Yorkshire.
September 24.

From Mr Nigel Pascoe, QC

Sir, Chief Superintendent Moss (letter, September 23) is wrong if he thinks that I, or indeed any responsible barrister, hold the slightest brief for bullying cross-examination of witnesses.

I loathe the spectre of traumatised victims and I reject any implication that barristers, in trying to do their duty, do not care, or worse, manoeuvre to cross-examine on past history without leave. Defence counsel should put their case concisely and leave it. There is absolutely no room for repetition, sarcasm, offensive intonation or irrelevancy.

But that does not mean that cross-examination must be confined arbitrarily to a few cursory questions. There will be cases where, courteously but plainly, an advocate must probe the legitimate issues. That cannot be done always in a few minutes.

Today, judges are much more alive to the interests of the victim, by training and by the effect of public opinion. Let improper cross-examination always be curtailed, but never forget the balance which must be struck where it is one word against another. But I back all possible moves to limit a victim's ordeal.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL PASCOE
(Chairman,
Bar Public Affairs Committee),
3 Pump Court, EC4.
September 23.

From Ms Sara Hinchliffe

Sir, The argument by Alan Moss of the Police Superintendents Association that the criminal justice system is meant to operate on behalf of victims threatens the very principles of justice.

Justice means weighing competing claims about the truth — and subjecting them to rigorous scrutiny. If the principle of innocence until guilt is proven is to be protected, then complaints must be treated as unproven until the conclusion of the trial.

Yours faithfully,
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September 23.

Funding of ITV

From the Chief Executive of the Producers Alliance for Cinema and Television

Sir, In his article "Paying the price of the TV revolution" (September 22), Melvyn Bragg argues that ITV is facing imminent decline because of intensifying competition and the strain of its programme obligations. He wants ITV's self-imposed bid payments to the Treasury (now under review) to be reduced and he wants the other commercial channels to make up the difference.

Lamenting the end of the commercial monopoly which made ITV "rich and uniquely privileged", he overlooks its growth since then. In 1993, the first year of the new licences, its profits were £185 million. Last year they had soared to £432 million. Yorkshire Television, one of the highest bidders, saw its share value rise over those four years from £55 million to £700 million. Far from a bleak future being foretold by the "logic of the graphs", there has been a continuing appetite for takeovers in the sector by owners who are renowned for their commercial acumen.

ITV has the overriding responsibility to produce profits for its shareholders, subject to regulation. That — not mere access to the airwaves — is the privilege for which it pays the Treasury. Additional taxation on other channels, including Channel 4 or the BBC (which Mr Bragg suggested to the recent Royal Television Society Convention at Cambridge) would impact directly on the viewing public who would pay the real price through reduced programme range and quality.

The final proposition, that ITV is the beacon for British television, is extraordinary: a more detached observer might be forgiven for detecting a narrowing of range, with Mr Bragg's own excellent *South Bank Show* now clinging to the margins of the schedule. A strong, committed public service sector, free from shareholder pressure, is an essential guarantee of choice and quality in the future. This exists in the shape of the BBC and Channel 4. As for ITV, it is still highly profitable and needs no subsidy to remain so.

Yours sincerely,
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45 Mortimer Street, W1.
September 26.

Smoke signals

From Dr Mary Webb

Sir, I was dismayed to see the prominence you gave to the picture of the models Kate Moss and Jade Jagger both smoking cigarettes (September 27).

The effect of this photograph will be to endorse to many teenagers that cigarettes are fashion accessories, and will probably damage the efforts being made by health promotion teams to decrease smoking in this age group.

Yours faithfully,
MARY WEBB,
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September 27.

Drink and health

From Mr Jon Wynne-Tyson

Sir, Alcohol's principal victims are not those who choose to risk their own health by taking a drug that suppresses the need for the moderation that Dr Stuttaford advocates (letters, September 20, 25), but broken families, the accident victims seen daily in every major casualty department, and the millions who suffer from the crimes, carelessness and quelled conscience of that vast spread of humanity that does not subscribe to his genteel rules for civilised social drinking.

Yours sincerely,
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September 25.

Red Cross plan for 'neutral' emblem

From the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross

Sir, Further to your report (September 22, later editions; letter, September 29) that the International Red Cross may scrap its emblem and replace it with a "culturally neutral" diamond logo, it is important to be clear about the issues involved.

The red cross and red crescent are currently used around the world both as a protective symbol in wartime and as the identifying emblems of national and international humanitarian organisations. Tragically, in many of today's conflicts the emblems are neither understood nor respected.

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement will shortly be considering six different proposals to address these issues. These include proposals to introduce a new neutral, protective emblem for use in time of armed conflict, and to permit the recognition of national organisations using other identifying emblems. The objectives are clear: to ensure the best possible protection for the innocent victims of war and to ensure that our international movement, based on the worldwide value of humanity, is truly universal.

Any solution must clearly take account of the emblems currently in use. There is no plan to end the use of the emblem or name of the red cross or the red crescent by the humanitarian organisations of our movement. The red cross is an emblem which I, and the ICRC delegates working around the world to protect victims of armed conflict, wear with pride.

Yours sincerely,
CORNELIO SOMMARUGA,
President, International
Committee of the Red Cross,
19 Avenue de la Paix,
CH-1202 Geneva, Switzerland.
September 29.

A-level lit crit

From Miss Angela Huth

Sir, In his letter of September 24 supporting the current procedure of going into A-level English exams armed with the relevant texts, Mr A. A. C. Barnard referred to the *memorising of quotations* as a "cumbersome inhibition" [see also letters, August 20, 29; September 12, 17, 24]. It was no such thing in my day, when this dubious new method would have caused astonishment.

Surely students taking A-level English still *want* to learn passages by heart: after all, it's generally believed we remember best what we learn when we are young.

As one who loved the old-fashioned business of memorising, I can only hope the current method of taking-the-text-in does not mean future generations of students will be encouraged to forgo that inestimable pleasure.

Yours faithfully,
ANGELA HUTH,
Pullens End,
Pullens Lane, Headington, Oxford.
September 25.

From Dr James Roberts

Sir, Is it not time to end the "A-level lit crit" correspondence, which started with a discussion of a candidate's essay on *Candide*?

We should all realise that the educational establishment has arranged everything for the best, in this best of all possible worlds. And at this time of the year there is plenty of work to do in the garden.

Yours,
J. ROBERTS,
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Elmsett, Ipswich, Suffolk.
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September 24.

All pulling together?

From Mr Bill Cairns

Sir, Those "little Englander" readers who have been expressing a slightly hysterical reaction to Scottish and Welsh devolution on your letters pages recently must have derived enormous comfort from the report (September 22) of the sinking of the Oxford and Cambridge University rowing crews in the Rio Negro in Brazil.

From your reference to "England's Olympic fours" it appears that England has no need of devolution to be admitted to the Olympics in its own right.

Yours faithfully,
BILL CAIRNS,
Little Linnburn,
Shandon, Dunbartonshire.
cairnsbrow@aol.com
September 23.

Giving of their best

From Mr David Townley

Sir, Sporting effort is often measured in percentages these days, both by participants and commentators — 110 per cent, 150 per cent and 200 per cent being the most common.

My own favourite is 100 per cent but this now sounds rather as if one is swinging the lead.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID TOWNLEY,
92 Fir Tree Road,
Banstead, Surrey.
September 29.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 29: Miss Alma Pawson was received by The Queen this evening when Her Majesty invested her with the Insignia of a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

The Queen was represented by General Sir Roger Wheeler (Aide-de-Camp General) at the Memorial Service for General Sir John Gibbon (formerly Aide-de-Camp General) which was held in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London SW3, this morning.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 29: The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this morning visited the Sedgefield Locality Carers Centre, 19 Upper Dalton Way, Newton Aycliffe, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham (Sir Paul Nicholson).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened Butterwick Hospice, Middlefield Road, Stockton-on-Tees, and was received by Mr Christopher Bartram (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham).

The Princess Royal afterwards opened a new Community Resource Centre at 25 Drake Road, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees.

Her Royal Highness, President, the Missions to Seamen, later opened the Flying Angel Club, Kinkerdale House, Tees Dock, Middlesbrough, and was received by the Lieutenant of North Yorkshire (the Lord Gisborough).

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 29: The Duke of Gloucester, President, British Consultants Bureau, this morning attended a Meeting at Sana'a Chamber of Commerce and later attended a Luncheon given by the Government of the Republic of Yemen at the Republican Palace, Sana'a.

This afternoon His Royal Highness was given a tour of the old city of Sana'a and in the evening attended the Trade Mission Reception given by His Excellency Mr Douglas Scrafton (Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen) and Mrs Scrafton at the British Embassy, Sana'a.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York will open the Helitech 97 Exhibition at Redhill Aerodrome, Surrey, at 11.00: and will visit Zonal Plastics, Holmethorpe Avenue, Redhill, at 2.30.

Prince Edward will attend a concert given by Her Majesty's Royal Marines at Guildhall at 6.40.

Princess Margaret will attend a performance of *Les Fausses Confidences* by the Comédie Française at the National Theatre during the French Theatre Season, at 6.30.

Captain Geoffrey Fowkes

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Geoff Fowkes, former British Airways Training Captain and Past Master of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, will be held at St Michael's, Cornhill, London EC3, on October 30, 1997, at noon. Those wishing to attend are asked to telephone 0171 837 3323.

Luncheons

The Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor entertained at luncheon yesterday at the Mansion House Mr Alderman Richard Nichols, Lord Mayor-Elect, and Mrs Nichols with members of the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs, the Chief Commoner and Officers of the Corporation of London and their escorts. Among others present were:
Miss Melissa Cork, Miss Georgina Cork, Mr Jonathan Nichols, Mrs Victoria Duggan, Mr Thomas Nichols, the Master of the Bowyers' Company and Mrs Sheila Begent-Cove.

Rotary Club of London
Mr Clifford Charles, President of the Rotary Club of London, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Portman Hotel. The Ambassador of Slovenia also spoke.

Service dinner

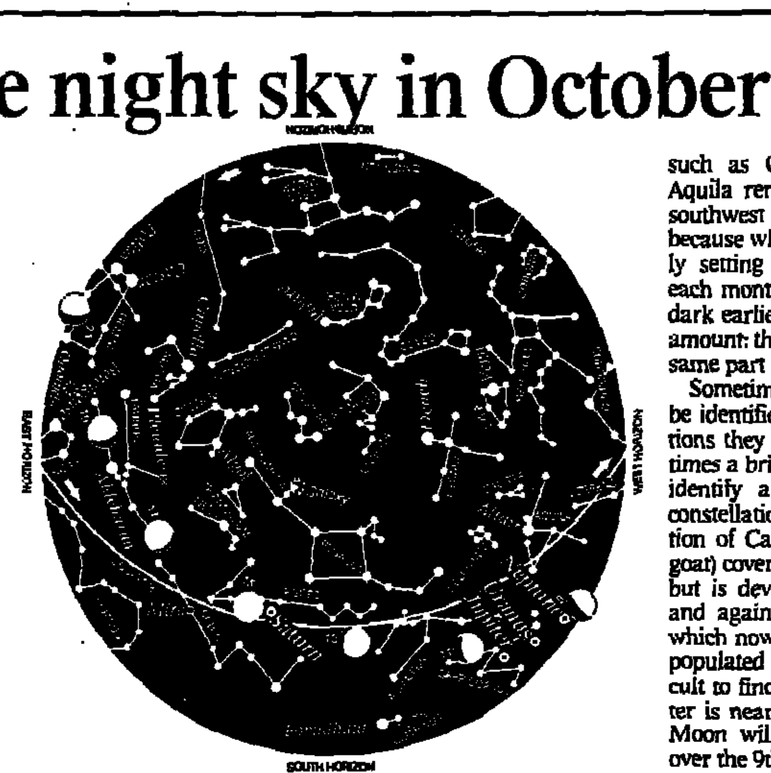
RAF Club Dining Society
Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Royal Air Force Club Dining Society held last night at the club. Air Commodore G.J.B. Claridge presided. Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Knight also spoke.

Today's birthdays

Mr G.J. Allen, chief executive, IMI, 53; Sir Stanley Bailey, former Chief Constable, Northumbria, 71; the Rev Dr Gordon Barritt, former president, Methodist Conference, and former principal, NCH Action for Children, 77; Lord Belstead, 65; Sir Derek Birkin, former chairman, RTZ Corporation, 68; General Sir Edward Burgess, 70; Viscount Cranborne, 51; Professor Sir Eric Denton, FRS, marine biologist, 74; Lord Dixon-Smith, 63; Sir Peter Fawcus, colonial officer, 82; Mr Staffan Gadd, banker, 63; Mr John Goodwin, director, Inner Cities Young People's Project, 51; Mrs Teresa Gorman, MP, 66; Mr A.E.S. Green, painter, 58; Mr A.R. Hacker, clarinettist and conductor, 59; the Right Rev Patrick Harris, Bishop of Southwell, 63; Miss Deborah Kerr, actress, 76; Mr Johnny Mathis, singer, 59; Mr Ian Ogilvy, actor, 54; Mrs Penelope Penney, Headmistress, Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls, Elstree, 55; Miss Sue Robinson, publishing director, *Radio Times*, 43; Mr Stewart Steven, former Editor, *Evening Standard*, 62.

The night sky in October

By Michael J. Hendrie
ASTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

MERCURY begins the month in the morning sky but closes rapidly with the Sun to be at superior conjunction on the 13th. It then moves into the western evening sky, beginning an apparition that lasts until mid-December, but throughout this period Mercury will be too near the Sun for observation. However, it should be quite easily seen in the morning sky from late December into the new year.

Venus has been visible for those with a clear western skyline from summer into autumn, very low in twilight. Setting only an hour after the Sun it was never in a dark sky but at -4.2 magnitude Venus can be seen easily with the naked eye even with the Sun above the horizon if you know where to look and the sky is clear. In October Venus begins to move into a darker sky setting two hours after the Sun by the 31st. This will increase to three hours by mid-December when Venus will become a brilliant evening star in the southwest over Christmas and into the new year.

Venus is the focus of some interesting conjunctions in October. The crescent Moon will be to the north of Venus on the 5th, and on the 6th the Moon will be above the bright star Antares in Scorpius, with Mars of similar brightness (1 magnitude) and reddish colour lying between Antares and Venus. Mars will be 3 degrees north of Antares on the 11th and on the 26th just 2 degrees (4 Moon diameters) north of Venus. They will be in twilight but using Venus as a guide Mars and Antares should be found. Throughout the month Venus and Mars will be in the same field in binoculars.

Mars moves from Scorpius into Ophiuchus during the second week of October setting no more than two hours after the Sun all month.

Jupiter is in Capricornus and stationary on the 8th and then resumes its usual eastwards motion against the stars. At -2.4 magnitude it dominates the southern evening sky setting in the southwest before midnight by the 31st. Moon to the north on the 10th-11th.

Saturn is 0.2 magnitude and in Pisces. It reaches opposition on the 10th when it will be due south at midnight (01h BST). Full Moon close by on the 15th.

Uranus is in Capricornus and stationary on the 14th when direct or easterly motion against the stars will be resumed. Moon to the north on the 10th. Neptune is in Sagittarius and stationary on the 8th before resuming direct motion.

The Moon: New Moon, 1d 17h, first quarter 9d 12h, full Moon 16d 04h, last quarter 23d 05h and new Moon 31d 10h. Moon near Aldebaran on the 18th.

Sunset on the 1st is at 17h 40m and on the 31st at 16h 35m while sunrise is at 06h 00m and 06h 50m on the same dates. Astronomical Twilight ends at 19h 30m and 18h 30m early and late in the month and begins again at 04h 05m and 05h 00m.

The annual meteor shower, the Orionids, reaches a maximum on the night of the 21st but with the gibbous Moon in Gemini on the 21st observation will be difficult. In dark conditions up to 20 meteors an hour may be seen. The Taurids activity begins about October 20 and continues through November. These slow meteors emanate from the area below the Pleiades and west of Aldebaran. The maximum occurs about November 3 at around 10 per hour but it usually includes some bright meteors.

In October with the nights lasting for up to 12 hours, the summer constellations begin to be replaced by those of winter. The evening rising in the northeast of the Pleiades is a sure sign that winter is on the way again. But the more eastern summer constellations such as Cygnus, Lyra and Aquila remain visible in the southwest into December because while they are actually setting two hours earlier each month, it is also getting dark earlier by a comparable amount: this keeps them in the same part of the sky at night.

Sometimes the planets can be identified by the constellations they are in but at other times a bright planet can help identify a rather ill-defined constellation. The constellation of Capricornus (the sea-goat) covers quite a large area but is devoid of bright stars and against the bright skies which now cover much of the populated world is quite difficult to find. This month Jupiter is near its centre and the Moon will move through it over the 9th-11th.

Uranus and Neptune require optical aid: either binoculars and a good star chart to separate out the stars or a telescope powerful enough to show their tiny discs. The ringed planet Saturn is in Pisces (the Fishes), another extensive constellation not easily identified. A diagonal line from the top righthand to the bottom lefthand corner of the Great Square of Pegasus (Flying Horse) leads directly to Saturn and Pisces. Saturn takes 29 years to circle the sky once, Jupiter only 12 years. So while Saturn moves eastward about 12 degrees each year, Jupiter travels 30 degrees, and will overtake Saturn in May 2000 on the Aries-Taurus border below the Pleiades.

The Great Square of Pegasus may be used also to find the bright star Fomalhaut near the southern horizon: follow down from the two righthand stars of the square. In the northern sky Ursa Major (Great Bear) and the Plough are "the right way up" again but almost overhead (Queen) Cassiopeia is upside down. How much smaller she looks when high in the sky. This is akin to the Moon Illusion, but that is another story.

Memorial service

General Sir John Gibbon
The Queen was represented by General Sir Roger Wheeler, Chief of the General Staff, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of General Sir John Gibbon held yesterday in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea. The Rev Tom Hiney officiated.

General Sir Harry Tuzo, representing the Order of the Bath, and Lieutenant-Colonel John Gibbon, son, read the lessons. Field Marshal Lord Vincent of Coleshill, Master Gunner St James's Park, gave an address.

Colonel Gibbon carried his father's decorations and medals from the West door to the Altar.

Among others present were:
Lady Gibbon (widow), Miss Katharine Shaw, Mrs G A Ellison, Mr and Mrs Michael Stonor, Mr Peter Stonor, Mr and Mrs Jonathan Jamieson, Mr and Mrs D Fagan, Mrs D Neve, Sir Arthur Marshall, Mary Lady Chesham, Major-General and Mrs John Cordingley, Mrs E H Colville, Colonel and Mrs N T Davies.

Field Marshal Lord Carver, Lady Vincent of Coleshill, the Hon Nicholas Assheton, the Hon Mrs Hensman, Sir Frank and Lady Cooper, Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs, Air Chief Marshal Sir Derek Hodgkinson, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler, General Sir John Akehurst, General Sir Cecil Blacker, General Sir Edward and Lady Burgess, General Sir George Cooper, General Sir Martin Farndale, General Sir Robert Ford, General Sir David and Lady Fraser, General Sir James Glover, General Sir Charles and Lady Harington, General Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson, General Sir Brian Kenny, General Sir John and Lady Learmont, General Sir Robert Pascoe (Regular Forces Employment Association), General Sir Thomas and Lady Pearson, Sir Nigel Maynard, Lady Tuzo, Lady Morony, Lady Sharp, Lady Cardwell.

Lieutenant-General Sir James Baird, Lieutenant-General Sir Maurice Johnston, Lieutenant-General Sir James Wilson, Lieutenant-General Sir James Willison, Major-General M F L Shellard (representive Colonel Commandant, Royal Regiment of Artillery), Major-General P R F Bonnet, Major-General R S Broke, Major-General P F Claxton, Major-General C G Cornock, Major-General P B Foster, Major-General Garrett, Major-General A M L Hogge, Major-General D E Isles, Major-General James Lunt, Major-General K J McQueen, Major-General W D Mangham, Major-General and Mrs R Staveley, Major-General M C M Steele, Major-General Anthony Stone, Major-General and Mrs T S C Streatfeild, Major-General and Mrs P T Tower.

Brigadier C R Burson, Brigadier and Mrs R A Clay, Brigadier J S Cooper, Brigadier and Mrs Mark Douglas-Withers, Brigadier J C Groom, Brigadier C M A Mayes, Brigadier R N Ohlenschlager, Brigadier and Mrs P J F Painter, Brigadier M B Pritchard, Brigadier and Mrs T K Thompson, Brigadier K A Timbers, Brigadier A R L Wheatcroft, Brigadier Philip Winchcombe (REME), Colonel and Mrs Norman Davies, Colonel N W Frend, Colonel P S D Griffin, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs J L S Andrews, Lieutenant-Colonel M J H Davies, Lieutenant-Colonel H B Rice, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs R F Smailes, Lieutenant-Colonel W Stanford, Mr Charles Minoprio, Major Rosemary Warne, Canon and Mrs Antony Rowe, Mr Teddy Westnedge, Mr and Mrs Robert Vallings, Mrs Richard Chataway.

Mr Frederick O Marsh (Royal Aero Club), Mr Simon Ward (Fleming Private Asset Management), Mr Michael Nathan (representing the Master of the Glass Sellers Company) and other members of the family and friends.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.R.S. Booth and Miss B. Bargagli-Stoffi
The engagement is announced between Julian, only son of Roger Booth and the late Karen Booth, of Brussels, Belgium, and Beatrice, daughter of Pier Paolo Bargagli-Stoffi and Giuliana Bargagli-Stoffi Ugurgier, of Siena, Italy.

Mr R.S.J. Easteal and Miss W.M.C. Chadwick
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs John Easteal, of Lambourn Woodlands, Berkshire, and Wendy, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Chadwick, of Allostock, Cheshire.

Mr M.D. Gillott and Miss J.A. Watler
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Gillott, of Corpusty, Norfolk, and Janine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bernard Watler, of Minster, Kent.

Mr A.W. Kinsman and Miss H.M.A. Gunn of Banniskirk
The engagement is announced between Alexander William, son of Major Michael J. Kinsman, of Esher, Surrey, and Mrs Jilly Prideaux-Phillips, of Blackmoor, Hampshire, and Helen Mary Aline, daughter of Iain A. and Mrs Gunn of Banniskirk, of Lybster, Caithness.

Mr S.J. Young and Miss C.P. Allwood
The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Michael Young, of St Martin, Jersey, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Allwood, of Kingston upon Thames.

Mr C.J.M. Jeans, QC, and Miss J.M. Laws
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of David and Jean Jeans, of Southgate, London, and Judith, daughter of Stanley and Mary Laws, of Poole, Dorset.

Mr I.R. Merriman and Miss S.M. Bauschelt
The engagement is announced between Ian, elder son of Mr and Mrs F.R. Merriman, of Presteigne, and Susan, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs H.M. Bauschelt, of Indiana, United States.

Marriages

Dr A.J.G. Bell and Miss J. Meyrick
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 20, at the Long Mynd Hotel, Church Stretton, Shropshire, of Dr Andrew Bell, son of Judge and Mrs Alistair Bell, of Broughton, Preston, Lancashire, to Miss Jane Meyrick, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Meyrick, of Ludlow, Shropshire.

Mr P.T. Edwards and Miss A.C. Hill
The marriage took place on September 20, 1997, at St John the Baptist Church, Purley, Surrey, of Mr Paul Thomas Edwards, son of Mr and Mrs John Edwards, of Purley, to Miss Alison Clare Hill, youngest daughter of Mr Edgar Hill and the late Mrs Valerie Hill, and stepdaughter of Mrs Megan Hill, of Chichester, West Sussex. Canon Pannett officiated.

Major A. Tower and Mlle N. Jobard
The marriage took place at Villefranche sur Mer, Alpes Maritimes, France, on September 27, 1997, between Major Alastair Tower and *Mlle Nicole Jobard, of La Bretagne* and Nice.

Baron Renwick of Clifton

The life barony conferred upon Sir Robin William Renwick, has been gazetted by the name, style and title of **Baron Renwick of Clifton**, of Chelsea in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

Baron Walker of Doncaster

The life barony conferred upon Sir Harold Walker, has been gazetted by the name, style and title of **Baron Walker of Doncaster**, of Audenshaw in the County of Greater Manchester.

Baron Hardy of Wath

The life barony conferred upon Mr Peter Hardy has been gazetted by the name, style and title of **Baron Hardy of Wath**, of Wath upon Dearne in the County of South Yorkshire.

Baron Hughes of Woodside

The life barony conferred upon Mr Robert Hughes has been gazetted by the name, style and title of **Baron Hughes of Woodside**, of Woodside in the City of Aberdeen.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Henry Somerset, 1st Baron Raglan, C-in-C during the Crimean War, Badminton, Gloucestershire, 1788; Frederick Sleigh Roberts, 1st Earl Roberts, Field Marshal, Cawnpore, 1832; Truman Capote, writer, New Orleans, 1924; Marc Bolan, rock musician, London, 1947.

DEATHS: Fulke Greville, 1st Baron Brooke, poet and statesman, murdered, London, 1628; James Brindley, canal builder, Turnhurst, Staffordshire, 1772; Rudolf Diesel, engineer, pioneer of the internal combustion engine, at sea, 1913; Sir Robert Hadfield, metallurgist, London, 1940; James Dean, film actor, Paso Robles, California, 1955.

Mozart's *The Magic Flute* was first performed in Vienna, 1791.

Germany and the Soviet Union signed a pact agreeing on the partition of Poland, 1939.

The Berlin airlift ended, 1949.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr Rodney Scrase was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mr Leonard Lickorish presided.

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The Lord is a sure protection in time of trouble; and cares for all who make him their refuge. Nahum 1 : 7

BIRTHS

BENAVIDES CLARK - On September 26th 1997, to Tracy and Alfonso, a son, Tomas.

BOURNE - On 23rd September, to Julie and Christopher, a son.

CHIDLEY - On September 18th 1997 at The Royal Surrey County Hospital, to Andrea (née Cobbett) and Andrew, a son, Archie Brian William.

DOWIE - On September 11th 1997, to Elizabeth (née Hudson) and Mark, a son, Jonathan Mark, a brother for Catherine.

DOWN - On 20th September in Hong Kong, to Tor (née Foster) and Nigel, a daughter, Rose Imogen Alice.

HALL ALLEN - On September 26th in Brussels, Belgium, to Chantal (née Hectors) and Oliver, a daughter, Isabella Wilhelmina Anne.

HARRIS - On September 16th 1997, to Cath (née Lulham) and Tim, a beautiful daughter, Madeleine Elizabeth.

HIPWELL - See Lovell-Knight.

HOBBY - On September 22nd, to Lucinda (née Thomas) and Jonathan, a daughter, Imogen Margaret Ann, a sister for Charlotte.

KIMBER - On 21st September 1997 at Maidstone Hospital, to Lindsay (née Heathfield) and Nigel, a daughter, Olivia Jane, a beautiful sister for Thomas Philip.

KING-HOLFORD - On September 26th, to Nugs (née Merritt) and Charles, a son, Louis Charles Edward.

KIRKMAN - On 19th September 1997, to Sarah (née Hollingworth) and Patrick, a beautiful son, Henry Arthur Vane, a brother for Isabella.

LOVELL-KNIGHT - On September 26th, to Anna (née Hipwell) and Martin, a daughter, Emily Summer - "Milly" 8lbs 9oz of perfection.

MURPHY - On September 26th at the Maternité, A. Gayraud, Carcassonne to Anthony and Sarah, a daughter, Eleanor, a sister for Molly and Will.

REMINGTON - On September 28th 1997, to Vanessa (née Ryall) and Chris, a son, Toby John.

RIJKS - On September 19th, to Miranda (née Cahn) and Harmen-Jan, a daughter, Francesca Anita.

RYALL - On September 25th 1997, to Hélène (née Mauriac) and Edward, a son, Louis Charles Mauriac, a brother for Matthew.

SELF - On Friday 26th September at 8.22 pm, a son Ivan Scott for Deborah Orr and Will Self. A half-brother for Madeleine and Alexis.

SINCLAIR - On September 16th, to Katie (née Newby) and Nigel, a son, Joshua Thomas Nigel, a brother for Harry.

SYMINGTON - On September 21st, to Tess (née Beeson) and Alastair, a son, William Ian Neave.

MARRIAGES

HORNUNG:MALING - Quietly in Bath on 27th September between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs C. Hornung of Llangorse, Powys and Miss Heather Maling, daughter of Dr. and Mrs D.H. Maling of Defynnog, Powys.

PEARSON:HILL - Richard and Louise at The Bass Museum in Burton on Trent on 27th September.

SAGER:CUMBLETON - On Friday September 26th in Witney, Oxfordshire, Daniel, only son of Mr and Mrs Sidney Sager, of Bristol, to Catherine, younger daughter of Mr Sam Cumbleton and the late Mrs Cumbleton, of Lochinver, Sutherland.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

SENIOR:BECKETT - On 30th September 1937 at St Clement Danes Strand, Henry to Pamela. Now at Amesbury, SP4 7EX. Congratulations and love from children and grandchildren.

PEARL ANNIVERSARIES

WHEELER - Carole and Colin. With much love and best wishes on your Pearl Anniversary. Congratulations.

DEATHS

ALLEN - On September 25th 1997, Peter Dobson Allen C.B.E., D.L. died tragically aged 66 years at Charing Cross Hospital, London. The beloved husband of Janet, much missed father of Timothy, Christopher, Nicholas and daughters-in-law Delyth, Susan and Vanessa also devoted grandfather of Nicholas, Alexander, Daniel, William, Rhiannon, Matthew and Lucy and loving brother of Patricia. Funeral Service on Friday October 3rd at Margam Abbey Church, Port Talbot at 12.30 pm followed by private cremation. No flowers by request, but donations if desired to Mr C.T. Allen, 3 Preswylfa Court, Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend for Margam Abbey and Hospital Charities. The family wish to express their heartfelt thanks to the doctors and staff of the Intensive Care Unit, Charing Cross Hospital, London. Further enquiries to Condon Funeral Service. Tel: 01639 883688.

ARDEN - George Philip Arden FRCS peacefully at home on September 25th aged 84. Beloved husband of the recently departed Kath; much loved father of Mary, Anne, Sheila and Tricia; and devoted grandfather to Andrew, Lucy, Lizzie, Clare, Shona, Nick, Alasdair, Louise, Neil and Lucinda. Funeral Service at Easthampstead Park Crematorium, Bracknell on Thursday 2nd October at 2pm for family and close friends. Family flowers only; donations, if desired, to Arthritis and Rheumatoid Council, Copeman House, St Mary's Court, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S41 7TD. Memorial Service to be announced.

BENSTEAD - J. Allen died peacefully on Sunday September 28th. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation Ruislip Crematorium on Friday October 3rd 12.45pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Great Ormond Street Hospital, London.

BOLTON - Colonel John Stacey ("George") Bolton D.S.O., late 9th Gurkha Rifles and 10th P.M.O. Gurkha Rifles, aged 84; dearly beloved husband of Iris. Funeral at 12.30 pm on Monday 6th October at Mortlake Crematorium, Richmond, Surrey. No flowers but donations if desired to The Gurkha Welfare Trust, 88 Baker Street, London W1M 2AX.

BROOKS - On 26th September 1997 peacefully at Beacon House Residential Home, Fleet, Hampshire, in his 100th year. Leslie Clifford Brooks, beloved husband of Agnes and affectionate uncle of Brian. Requiem Mass on Friday 3rd October at 2.30 pm at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Aldershot Road, Church Crookham. Flowers to A & W Goddard Ltd., Funeral Directors, Kent Road, Fleet, Hampshire GU13 9AH. Tel: (01252) 616431.

BURTON - Joan Linnell (née Ivimy) died peacefully aged 88 on September 27th 1997, surrounded by loving care, at St Anne's House, Windsor. Widow of Captain George Burton, M.C., much loved sister of John Ivimy and Barbara Chidell, very dear aunt of Elizabeth Clarke, Jacky Thompson and Lucy Ivimy, and great-aunt. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Vernham Dean, at 10.30 am on Thursday 9th October. Enquiries to E. Sergeant and Sons, 61 St Leonard's Road, Windsor, tel: (01753) 865982.

CAMPBELL - Robert (Bobby). Suddenly, at home, on September 29th, 1997, Bobby (associate Editor of The Scotsman), dear husband of the late Honorah Perry and beloved father of Fergus, Roderick and Diarmid. Funeral on Friday, October 3rd, after 12.45 pm, Requiem Mass from St Marys RC Cathedral, Broughton Street, Edinburgh, to Mount Vernon Cemetery arriving approximately 2 pm. Bobby will be received into the Cathedral on Thursday evening at 6 pm. RIP.

CRANSHAW - Clare, much loved widow of the late Edward Cranshaw, on 27th September aged 94. Funeral at 2 pm on Monday 6th October at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst, Tenterden, Kent. Flowers to K.B. Sills, High Street, Cranbrook.

CRICHTON-MILLER - Monica (née Glanvill) on 27th September peacefully in her 91st year, seven weeks after the death of Donald, her much loved husband of 66 years. Devoted mother - to Neil, Jenny and Angus - grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral private. Memorial Service at St Columba's, Pont Street, London on Wednesday, October 29th at 11.30 am when thanks will be given for both their lives.

DAVIS - On September 27th 1997 peacefully in hospital in Guildford, Godfrey Rupert Carless Davis C.B.E. aged 80. Formerly of Wimbledon. Father of John, Mary and Ann and grandfather of seven. Funeral Service at St Peter and St Paul, Godalming on Friday October 3rd at 3pm. No flowers but donations to The Stroke Association c/o J. Gorringe & Son, F/D. Tel: 01483 416403.

DENCE - Barbara, Sister Verity. On September 27th 1997, Deaconess of the Community of St Andrew, in the 45th year of her profession. Funeral Service on Monday 6th October at St Clements Church, Sirdar Road, W11, at 12 noon. Community and family flowers only. Donations for St Lawrence Hospice, Romania. Cheques to St Clements and St James PCC, Sirdar Road, London W11.

DICKSON - Albert William on Wednesday 17th September 1997 at University College Hospital following a tragic accident. Dearly loved son of Christine and brother of Unity and Christine (Hilary). Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday 3rd October 1997 at 12 noon followed by a cremation. Flowers to Leverton & Sons, 181 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead NW3 4QS.

EDGE - Professor William Leonard Edge. Peacefully at Nazareth House, Bonnyrigg, on September 27th, 1997, Professor William Leonard Edge, aged 92, much loved uncle of Richard, David and Jane. Funeral on Friday, October 3rd, after 2 pm Requiem Mass from Nazareth House Chapel, thereafter to Mount Vernon Cemetery arriving at approximately 3 pm. All friends invited. Professor will be received into church just prior to Mass. R.I.P.

EMERSON - Shirley (née Upton) died suddenly at home on September 27th 1997. Sadly missed by all her family. Funeral Service at Little Horsted Church, Thursday 9th October at 11am, followed by cremation at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Enquiries to Cooper and Son (01825) 763763.

FARQUHARSON - On September 23rd suddenly at home in Rye, Sussex, Dr. Archibald Douglas John, dearly loved father of Anna and Alasdair, grandfather of Caitlin, Murray, Amelia and Minnie. Funeral Service to take place on Thursday October 2nd 12 noon at Oxford Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if wished to The Salvation Army c/o Ellis Bros. F/S Ltd, 3 Ferry Road, Rye, Sussex, tel: (01797) 222294.

FREARSON - On September 19th 1997 at Leicester General Hospital, Richard John, dearly loved father of Nicholas and Sarah and husband of the late Jane Rowena Frearson. At his own request private family funeral, no letters please. Donations please to the British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH.

GAMBLE - On September 27th 1997 peacefully at the Royal Surrey Hospital, Guildford, the Rev. Peter John Gamble, aged 77. Son of the late Cecilia Victoria Gamble, née Howlett, and the late Leonard John Gamble, brother of Terence Gamble and uncle of Robin Powis. All enquiries to Robin Powis on (01483) 576902.

GARDNER - Trevelyan Codrington "Trevor", CBE, MA, B. Litt, peacefully at home in Whittlesford on 24th September, 1997, aged 80. Sadly missed by all his family. Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, 135 High Street, Sawston on Monday, 6th October at 1 pm followed by interment in Whittlesford Parish Cemetery. Family flowers only please, but if wished donations for Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity may be sent c/o H.J. Paintin Ltd, 43 High Street, Linton, Cambridge CB1 6HS.

GOFTON-SALMOND - Robert Bruce, on September 27th after an illness, bravely endured. Loving husband of the late Heather, much loved father of Sarah and Robert and grandfather of Kate and Andrew. Funeral Service 12 noon on Friday 3rd October at St Leonard's Church, Chiddesden, Hants. followed by private burial. No flowers but donations, if wished, for The Gurkha Welfare Trust may be sent c/o Alexander & Dry, 1 Seal Road, Basingstoke, RG21 7NQ, tel: (01256) 844663.

GRANT - Gunilla Alice on 26th September 1997. Beloved Mum of Julie and Millie. Funeral at Boleskine Church, Whitebridge, Inverness at 11am on Friday 3rd October. Memorial Service at St Giles Church, Farnborough, Kent at 11 am on Thursday 9th October.

HEADLAM - Agatha Melanie O.B.E., peacefully in Southwold on 23rd September 1997, formerly of The Foreign Office. Much loved godmother, cousin and friend. Cremation private. A Memorial Gathering is planned for Friday 31st October. Donations if desired to Southwold Hospital, League of Friends, Stile Road, Southwold, Suffolk. All enquiries to Rodwell and Co, Solicitors. Telephone No: 01986 872513.

KAVANAGH - Peter Patrick James tragically killed in the Southall train crash on Friday September 19th aged 29 years. Beloved only son of Maureen and Peter. Dearest friend of Andrew. Requiem Mass on Thursday October 2nd at 11.45 am at St Thérèse of Lisieux, Florence Way, Laindon, Essex, followed by cremation at Upminster Crematorium. All friends welcome. White flowers only please. Donations preferred to The Peter Kavanagh Memorial Fund c/o Tim Cole, Personnel Director, Freshfields, 65 Fleet Street, London.

KIRKLAND - Robert (Harry). Zelda's darling, father of Amy, Liz, Jimmy and Jennifer, and much loved friend of many, died peacefully on 26th September 1997 at the Middlesex Hospital. Farewell and burial at Islington Cemetery, East Finchley on 2nd October at 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Stroke Association through W.G. Miller, 93-95 Essex Road, London N1, tel: (0171) 226-3886.

LAKE - Christopher Michael peacefully on 25th September aged 36 years, having shown the greatest courage in his fight against leukaemia. Beloved husband of Carin, wonderful father to Emily and Natasha, much loved son of Mollie and John and brother of Jeremy. Funeral Service on Monday 6th October at 2 pm at St Mary's Church, Church Street, Twickenham, to be followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations in Chris's memory to Leukaemia Research Fund or Leukaemia Care, c/o Frederick W. Paine, 31 Church Street, Twickenham TW1 3NR, tel: (0181) 892-1784.

LAWSON - Peter Anthony Lawson died peacefully on 29th September after a long illness. Father of Alix. Loved and remembered by all his family and friends.

LEE - John Kenneth, Captain RM (Retd). On Friday 26th September 1997 peacefully at home. Beloved husband of Ruby and previously of the late Joan, dearest father of Jane and Joanne and much loved Grandpa of Kathryn, Charlotte, Judith, Rosalind, Edward and Victoria. Funeral Service on Monday 6th October at 2 pm in St Mary's Church, Felmersham, Bedfordshire. Family flowers only please. Donations to Horbury British Legion Poppy Appeal or British Red Cross c/o Arnold Funeral Directors, 48 Roff Avenue, Bedford.

MACNEILL - Andrew Somerville. Peacefully at home on 26th September aged 81 years. Andrew, dearly loved husband of Flora. Funeral service and interment Colonsay 1 pm Wednesday 1st October to which all family and friends are invited. Ferry leaves Kennacraig 07.15 am Wednesday, returns same day.

MASKELL - Nellie May (née Viner) aged 82 died peacefully in her sleep on 24th September in Hillingdon Hospital. Much loved mother of William and Frederick and grandmother of Samantha, Carolyn and Tracy. Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium Wednesday 8th October 2pm. Funeral Directors Walding and Son, Uxbridge, tel: (01895) 233018.

NAEF - On Sunday 28th September 1997, Carlo Alberto Naef O.B.E., peacefully in his sleep in his 96th year. He will be greatly missed by all his family and many friends in the flower industry. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium on Friday October 3rd at 3.30pm. Flowers and all enquiries to Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6NY, tel: (01483) 567333.

OGG - Edward England Stuart, aged 92, of Mayfield, E. Sussex. On September 27th 1997, peacefully after a short illness. Widely respected member of the Royal Horticultural Society and honoured by the award of the VMH. Loved Uncle of Chisholm, Anthony, Charmian and Robin. Will be sadly missed. Funeral St Dunstan's Church, Mayfield, Monday, October 6th at 11.15 am. If desired flowers, or donations to RHS Benevolent Fund or St Dunstan's Church, Mayfield c/o Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough, (01892) 655000.

SEVIERS - Maria Claire at her home on 25th September, aged 86. Greatly loved mother of Julia and granny of Bob, Jo, Jess and Tom. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Saturday 4th October at 11.30 am.

TIANO - Roy. Our dear friend passed away after a long illness. Will be sadly missed and fondly remembered. Ruth Weldon and family.

WALT - Dr. Maurice died peacefully on September 29th aged 86. Much loved husband of Kay, beloved father, grandfather and brother. Cremation service at Boston Crematorium on Wednesday October 1st at 2.30 pm. Donations to Alzheimer's Society Boston Branch c/o Carr's Funeral Service, tel: (01205) 311300.

WATTS - Jean Crawford (née Munro) on 26th September at The Rowans Hospice, Purbrook, Hampshire, following a long illness. Sadly missed by Les, Christine and Richard, also by her many friends. Funeral Service at Fareham United Reformed Church, Osborn Road, Fareham, at 2 pm on Friday 3rd October. Jean would have been touched by donations made to The Rowans. All enquiries Co-operative Funeral Directors, tel: (01705) 581032.

WELLINGTON - (née England), on September 27th at home aged 87 years, Nancy Victoria, dearly loved wife of the late Brian. She was an example of courage to her loving daughters Elizabeth Masterman and Jane Sprinks, her granddaughters Victoria, Josephine, the late Catherine, Nancy, Annabelle and Lucy, proud great-grandmother of Anya, Catherine, Emma, Sophia, Henry and Grace Ellen. The Funeral Service will take place at Gloucester Crematorium on Friday 3rd October at 12.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to Salim Smith & Co., 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham.

WHITTOW - Mary Baird, MBE on 25th September peacefully aged 83, formerly of University College Hospital. A dear friend to many and a loved member of her wide family. Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Friday 3rd October at St Mary the Virgin, Primrose Hill, NW3. Enquiries to Leverton & Sons, tel: 0171 387-6075.

WILD - Peacefully on September 26th 1997 after a short illness, William Anstey Preston aged 70 years. Much loved husband of Dawn, loving father of Tania and Robert and a proud grandfather. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Brailsford, Derbyshire on Friday October 3rd at 12.15pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired for The Nightingale Macmillan C.C.U. Derby may be sent to W. Jones & Son, Funeral Directors, Brailsford, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 3DA, tel: (01335) 360319.

WILMOT - M.S. "Chev", tragically on Saturday September 27th near his home. Private cremation. Thanksgiving in Fifehead Neville, 12 noon, 1st November. No flowers, donations to Oxfam.

WOLSTENHOLME - John Hartley aged 61, peacefully at home after a fierce disregard for cancer, on September 26th. Husband of Pamela, father of Peter and Robert, brother of Margaret, grandfather and uncle. Life-long entrepreneur and enthusiast for cricket, rowing and golf. Private cremation followed by a Thanksgiving and committal service at the Parish Church of Waltham St Lawrence, Berkshire on Monday October 6th at 3 pm. No flowers nor humbug. Donations to Cancer Research Campaign c/o Cyril H. Lovegrove, 58 Briants Avenue, Caversham, Berkshire RG5 0BA. Tel: (01734) 461393.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

FALKINER - Sir Edmond Falkiner Bt. Following his tragic death on 20th September 1997, his funeral service will take place at Cinderford Crematorium, Forest of Dean, at 4 pm on Friday 3rd October 1997, and will be followed by a gathering at Ye Hostelrie, Goodrich, so musicians please bring your instrumental As Ed would have wished, this will be a celebration of his life, not a mourning of his death. Ed hated wearing ties, so informal dress is appropriate. Family flowers only, but donations either to "Drugcare" or "The Ed Falkiner Music Scholarship" c/o Arch Cottage, Goodrich, Herefordshire, HR9 6HY.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BURKE - W.P. (Bill). Requiem Mass at 11.45 am on Saturday October 11th at The Little Oratory (entrance courtyard ajoining Brompton Oratory).

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CURTIS - Ken. A Memorial Service to celebrate the life and work in advertising of Ken Curtis, will be held on Tuesday 7th October, at 12 noon in St Bride's Church, Fleet Street. For further information please call Geoff Leberl on 0171 720 1966.

PLOWDEN - Anna Plowden CBE. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Anna Plowden will be held at St James's Church, Piccadilly, London W1 at 3pm on Tuesday 4th November 1997.

PRINGLE - Bea. A thanksgiving for Bea will be held at The Moathouse, Oxford 2-2.30 until 4pm on Saturday 15th November 1997. All her friends are welcome.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

KING - Barbara Kathleen (née Jeffcoat) died 30th September 1996. Deeply loved and sorely missed today and every day. Deborah, Caroline and Jonathan.

LOWDELL - D'Arcy. Kathmandu (5th Anniversary). Forever in our thoughts, Noen, George, Alex and Olivia.

SCLATER - Robert H. On 30.9.1994 in Cordoba, Argentina. Sadly missed by Madeleine.

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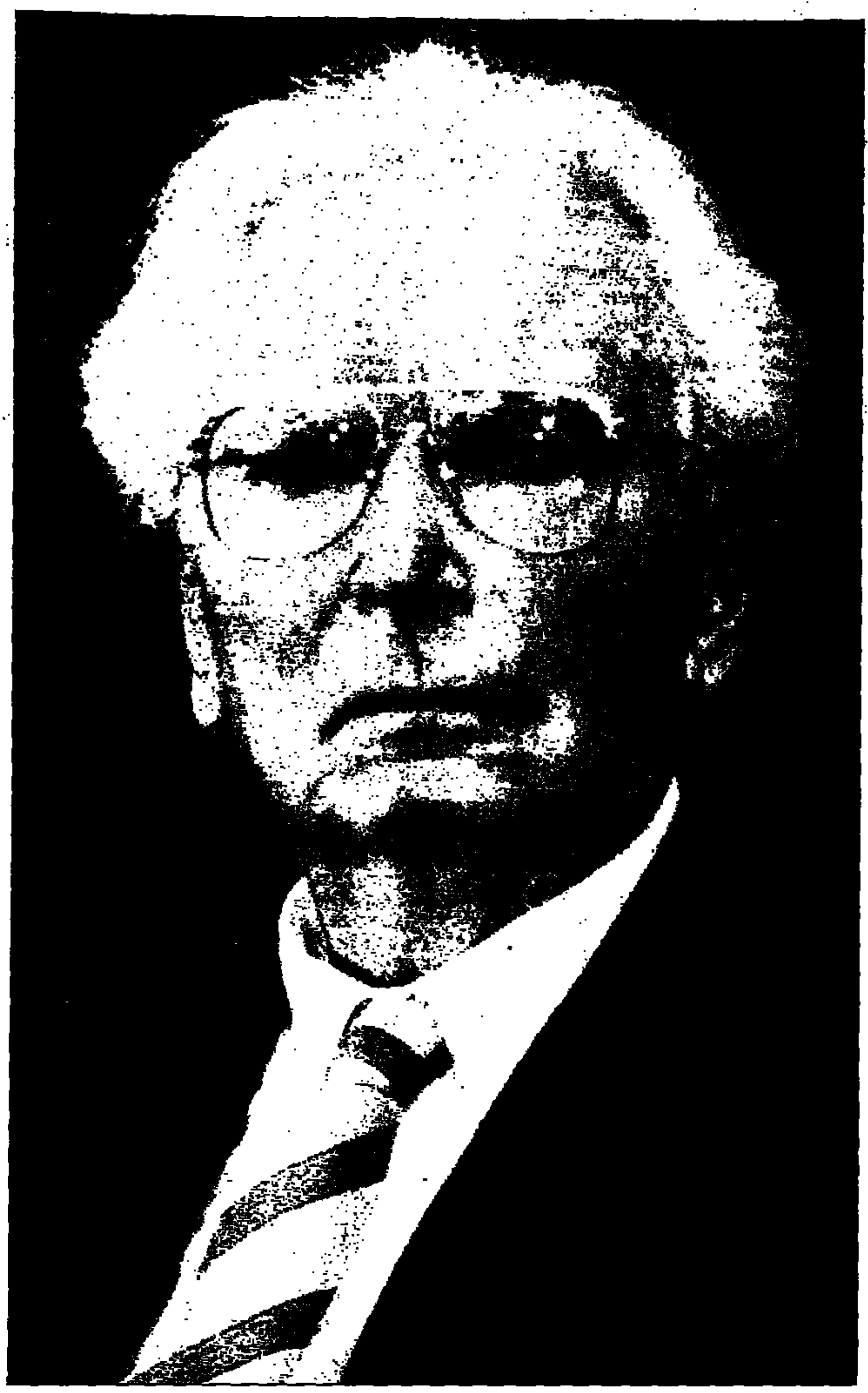


Viktor Frankl, psychiatrist and psychotherapist, died on September 3 aged 92. He was born in Vienna on March 26, 1905.

The trauma of the Nazi concentration camps has been said to require new thinking about man's nature. As a psychotherapist whose idea of the psyche was forged in Auschwitz and other camps, Viktor Frankl was able to begin this work. His book *Man's Search for Meaning* sold millions of copies worldwide after being translated into English in the 1960s.

Frankl's outlook was radically different from those of his two great Viennese precursors, Freud and Adler, for whom respectively sex and self-assertion were the great motivating forces in human affairs. Frankl's therapeutic method, which he called "logotherapy", is comprehended in the title of his book; he aimed to help individuals find meaning in their lives according to their circumstances. Emphasising the uniqueness of each human being, he used his own experience of the concentration camps to find meaning in even the most appalling situations, so helping people to come to terms with suffering, whatever its causes. He denied that there was anything religious in this, although his method often seemed close to that of spiritual consolation.

In later years he became increasingly critical of Freud and Adler, whom he blamed for what he saw as the increasing hedonism and materialism of the 20th century. In his book *The Doctor and the Soul*, he warned that an insistence on the exercise of sexuality at the earliest age at which it was physically possible was liable to limit the individual's mental horizon, as well as creating unnecessary anxieties in the young.

Frankl was born in Vienna's famous Czerningasse, at No 6 — more or less opposite No 7, in which Adler lived from 1870 to 1937. He recalled that as a student he had first met Freud — who was then his hero — taking an evening walk in Vienna's Votivpark. He tentatively followed the famous professor, who eventually turned round and, to his astonishment, recognised him. A few years earlier, Frankl had sent Freud a paper on psychoanalysis which eventually saw the light of day in the *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, but he had no reason to think that the great man would remember either him or his offering.

Frankl was briefly a disciple of Adler, although they soon went different ways. Qualifying as a doctor in 1930, and despite the gathering clouds of anti-Semitism, which threatened him and his family, Frankl stayed in Vienna, working for some time in a unit treating women who had attempted suicide. In 1938, the year of the Anschluss, he took charge of the neurological unit of the city's only Jewish hospital, the Rothschild.

Remarkably, he was permitted to remain in this post until 1942. He had been offered a visa by the Americans, but while he was pondering this attractive option at his family's house, his eye alighted on a fragment of marble lying on a table. His father had retrieved it from the largest synagogue in Vienna after its destruction by the Nazis. The fragment was from the synagogue's tablets of the Ten Commandments, and was inscribed with the Fifth Commandment in Hebrew: "Honour thy father and thy mother that thy life may be long in the land the Lord thy God giveth thee."

Frankl realised he could not abandon his family, and in 1942 he was deported into captivity with his parents, his brother, and his wife Tilly, whom he had married in 1941. They were sent first to the Theresienstadt concentration camp in Czechoslovakia. It was the first of four camps he endured over the next three years, the last being the extermination camp at Auschwitz, where his wife was also taken.

On his arrival at Auschwitz, Frankl was directed by the camp doctor, Dr Josef Mengele, to join the queue moving left — to the gas chambers. Recognising none of his friends in that queue, he sneaked behind Mengele's back into the queue moving to the right, so saving his life.

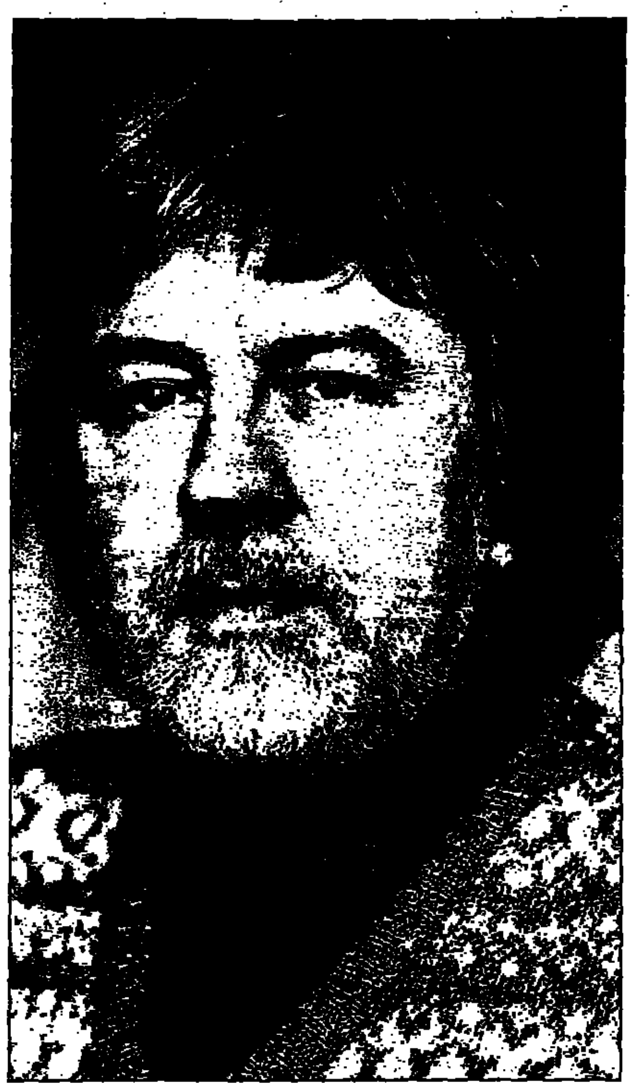
Over the next year he survived typhus and strove hard to develop a capacity for hope amid the humiliations of the camp. He saw that in many cases it took a degree of unscrupulousness to survive the degrading conditions, but he was even more impressed by the inner freedom created by the condition of having nothing else. "I understood how a man who has nothing left in the world may still know bliss," he was later to say.

He returned to Vienna in 1945 to find that his mother, father, brother and wife had all perished. In the wreckage of the city he was given the post of head of neurology at the Polyclinic Hospital. As a form of catharsis he sat down and dictated *Man's Search for Meaning* to a relay of secretaries in nine days. It was published before the year was out. Now recognised as a classic in existential psychology, it has, to date, sold nine million copies in 26 languages, and has never been out of print.

Frankl was on the staff of Vienna University, where his teachings were described as constituting the "Third Vienna school of Psychotherapy", after those of Freud and Adler. He was also much in demand as a lecturer throughout the world, especially in America, where he held chairs at five universities, including Harvard and Stanford. He was also the holder of 29 honorary doctorates. He continued to write prolifically, and published more than 30 books, including a volume of autobiography published earlier this year.

In 1947 he was married for a second time, to Eleonore Schwindt. She and their daughter survive him.

ROBERT CAMPBELL



Robert Campbell, journalist and musician, died yesterday following an aneurism aged 55. He was born on July 27, 1942.

ON THE simplest level, Bobby Campbell's career was a classic case of the working man achieving success by dint of natural skill and intelligence. From apprentice engineer in the shipyards of Clydeside, he moved into journalism to become chief sub-editor on *The Sunday Times* and then associate editor of *The Scotsman*, the post he held at the time of his death.

But that summary does not begin to do justice to an extraordinary life, in which music and politics played significant parts, and which was also touched by tragedy. An immensely talented fiddle player, Campbell founded a folk band which influenced performers as diverse as the Chieftains and Billy Connolly. Thrice married, he found himself a widower at 48 — and the father of triplets. Managing to bring up three boys on his own while holding down a full-time job was, in his own eyes, his greatest achievement. On Sunday, Roderick, Fergus and Diarmid celebrated their 13th birthday and, watched by their father, were presented to the congregation at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral in Edinburgh. It was, he told them, the proudest day of his life.

Robert Arthur Thornberry Campbell was born in Partick in Glasgow, the youngest of five children. His father was a shipyard worker, and his mother, from Aberlour, did occasional housework to make ends meet. It was she — always referred to by her son as "the great improver" — who saw his potential. At Hyndland Secondary School he was among the brightest pupils; but he was also obsessed by fiddle music, and abandoned his exams to play in pubs and clubs. His mother told him that if he wanted to take up music he would have to earn his living, so he became an apprentice engineer at John Brown's shipyard.

At the age of 19 he moved to London as an engineer and formed a band called the Exiles, with Gordon McCulloch and Enoch Kent, whose sister, Janey Buchan, was a staunch supporter of the folk music movement and later a Labour MEP. The band toured Ireland and Europe, collecting and playing folk songs, some of which became hits with other bands. At one point, the Exiles were the warm-up band for Billy Connolly at the Cambridge Theatre.

Campbell also joined the Communist Party and was taken onto the sports desk at the *Morning Star* by Stanley Levinson. From there he was recruited by John Lovesey, the sports editor of *The Sunday Times*, where he wrote the Inside Track column. He moved to the newsroom as a sub-editor under Harry Evans, whom he regarded as a great hero, and was steadily promoted until he reached the key post of chief sub-editor, responsible for pulling all the news pages of the paper together.

A big man, with a gruff Glaswegian voice and manner, he was passionate, emotional and possessed of a notorious temper. He would hug people in the office at a time when men did not, on the whole, demonstrate manly affection. He drank and played hard. His Hogmanay parties were celebrated. He was, nevertheless, a dedicated and thorough professional, meticulous in his attention to detail, and intensely loyal to the paper.

His first marriage, to Helen, a local Glasgow girl, was short-lived. In 1963 he met Beatrix Barnes, who as Beatrix Campbell became a celebrated feminist writer. But that marriage came to an end too, when she revealed her lesbian inclinations, and in 1978 he married, for the third time, Honorah Perry, with whom, after eight years of marriage, he had triplets. They moved to Edinburgh, where Bobby became chief sub-editor and later features editor of *The Scotsman*. Tragedy struck in 1990, when Honorah died of cancer. Their wide circle of friends rallied round to help him and the children. An important extra support was the Catholic faith he had inherited from Honorah. To the end, he was determined that his children would have the security that he felt he had often lacked himself.

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Rowland George, DSO, OBE, Olympic oarsman and gold medallist, died on September 9 aged 92. He was born on January 15, 1905.

ROWLAND GEORGE was the oldest surviving British holder of an Olympic gold medal, having won the coxless fours at the 1932 Los Angeles Games with Jack Beresford, J. ("Felix") Badcock and H.R.A. ("Jumbo") Edwards. He was also reputed to be the only member of the equipment branch of the RAF to win a DSO in the Second World War.

At the outbreak of war in 1939, George, being too old to learn to fly, had joined the equipment branch (now "supplies") of the RAF Volunteer Reserve, and taken a specialist course in explosives — of which he was before long to have much practical experience.

Three years later, at Bone on the coast of Algiers, the unit that George commanded was responsible for the unloading and dispensing of supplies to the First Army and RAF squadrons, including high-octane fuel. This was done in the face of determined and sustained bombing and machinegun fire from the Luftwaffe, which was trying to protect Rommel's forces. For his success and dependability in these circumstances, George was appointed OBE, an unusual recognition for an act of bravery.

At the 1992 Olympics, 60 years after his triumph

Such was his reputation in Algiers that, as a wing commander, he was invited to become a planning staff officer to accompany the Allied invasion force to Sicily. He landed with the first assault troops on the beaches in the early morning of September 10, 1943, to establish airfields for units of the Tactical Air Force. He did not, according to the citation for his DSO, allow the wound he suffered "to interfere with his personal supervision of the work of unloading and distributing the urgently required supplies".

Earlier evidence of George's exceptional character and determination had been his triumph in the Olympic Games. At Wycliffe College in Gloucestershire, his headmaster had described him in a letter to his parents as "a nervy little chap"; and at Lincoln College, Oxford, where he had started to row because he was "no good at cricket and soccer", he was forbidden in his second year by a doctor ever to get into a boat again, so serious was his exhaustion after rowing for the college; but he was soon appearing for the Thames Rowing Club, reaching the finals of the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley in successive years, and progressing onwards to the Olympic gold medal.

Rowland David George, the third son and fourth child of John Ellis and May Louise George, had spent his childhood in Bath, and it was his wish to live in that part of the country that led him in 1959, when he was only 54, to seek early retirement. He had been the successful managing director of companies in Ipswich and Colliers Wood, London, each a subsidiary of what was at that time E. S. and A. Robinson — later Dickinson Robinson — of Bristol.

From 1948 to 1951, when he left East Anglia, George had been commanding officer of the County of Suffolk Fighter Control Unit in the Royal Auxiliary Air Force. Later, when he moved to live near Bath, he became chairman of the Bath Council of Social Services, the Bath Society for the Blind, the Bath branch of the English Speaking Union and secretary of the Bath Preservation Trust.

A keen Christian Scientist, he remained active until his deafness, which was a legacy of the Italian campain, became a handicap, though it did not prevent him from arranging bridge parties until well into his nineties.

In 1992 he was a guest of the British Olympic Association at the Games in Barcelona, 60 years after he won his own medal. To prepare himself, he hired a Spanish tutor, to ensure, he said, that he would be polite to the Spanish hostess in the home where he was to be accommodated.

His wife Sylvia died in 1984. He is survived by two of his three sons and a daughter.

ON THIS DAY

September 30, 1933

More than 60 years ago there was a growing feeling that something should be done about noise. There were letters to The Times; *this one from a group of public figures, including the physician Lord Horder, announced the formation of an Anti-Noise League.*

TORMENT OF NOISE

A NEW SOCIETY FORMED

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—The need for immediate action in order to mitigate the noise evil, especially unnecessary motor-hooting in residential areas, has been so clearly demonstrated by numerous correspondents in your columns and in your leading articles that we are encouraged to hope that the organization whose formation we beg to announce will have the full support of *The Times*.

Briefly, we aim at enlisting, with the least possible delay, such a force of public opinion as will induce the authorities to regulate by law certain forms of noise which are manifestly injurious to the comfort, health and repose of the community at large, as well as being damaging to efficiency and to the amenities of numerous urban localities.

We therefore invite all who suffer from the infliction of unnecessary noise to communicate with the honorary secretary, Anti-Noise League, 9, Weymouth Street, W1. The membership fee for ordinary members is merely nominal (half a crown per annum) our object being to obtain the largest possible number of adherents prepared to join us in such action as may be decided upon.

We are, Sir, your obedient servants,
HORDER
RIDDELL
BUCKMASTER
GEORGE HILL
DAN MACKENZIE
JAMES PURVES-STEWART
WILLIAM ROTHENSTEIN
BECKLES WILLSON
9, Weymouth Street, W.1. Sept 29.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—At the meetings of the British Association in 1932 at York, and recently at Leicester, valuable papers were read describing the progress which has been made in the reduction of noise, especially in connection with aircraft. It was felt that if these principles were applied to the more general problems much could be done to reduce the discomfort and annoyance which has been so often referred to in the Press.

The Association decided to set up a committee to consider the noises which it is most important to reduce and to collect the information available for this purpose. As chairman of this committee I should like to invite considered opinions from the public as to the noises which cause the most discomfort and inconvenience. The committee could then select those subjects which appear to be of greatest importance and collect and review the knowledge at present available.

It will in most instances be possible to indicate the amount of improvement likely to be effected without serious loss of efficiency. If at a later stage money or practical assistance from manufacturers became available to give practical effect to the Committee's recommendations it may be possible to arrange a practical demonstration at the meeting of the British Association next year.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY FOWLER

Your team can win you £1,000 in a month

The story so far . . .

At last, a smile on your face!

Of course. It's been a good week for us Leeds supporters.

I didn't know you supported Leeds.

I didn't until I signed Molenaar and Martyn the other week. It's amazing how your loyalties can change, I'll admit. And my mother was born in a house that was knocked down to build the Revie Stand at Elland Road.

Fascinating. But I seem to remember that you weren't too happy with Molenaar and Martyn a fortnight ago.

A fortnight is a long time in football.

I see you're learning the jargon . . .

Most certainly, Brian. But about Leeds: our defence is getting back to basics; two clean sheets in four days, an away win and a home victory over the old enemy ...

***How* long have you been a Leeds supporter, again?**

. . . and Molenaar rose above the Southampton defence on Wednesday to net a priceless four-pointer. If only I could have had David Wetherall in the team as well!

Not more than two players from any one club, you know. By the way, did you take my advice about transferring players out before difficult games?

Fortunately not. I forgot. So Leboeuf was a net gain this week, and I kept the Leeds lads in even though we were playing Manchester United. If I'd remembered your advice, I might have rested them for a week.

What faith you have in your team. Don't forget about revaluation, though.

Eh? Revaluation? What's that?

Your scouting network seems to have let you down, old chap. Some players' prices are changing, to reflect what's been going on out in the real world. Fortunately, there's a guide to revaluation on the opposite page.

So I'll probably find that some of my ducking and diving on the transfer market will have paid off with vastly inflated valuations. Just like Barry Fry.

Sort of; perhaps you should do some victory runs up and down the touchline the way he does.

Hang on a minute, though — if my players' values go up, doesn't that mean I'm over my £35 million budget?

***Don't worry — the price you paid for them is what* counts. And the value of players can go down as well as up, you'll find; but you've got until midnight tonight to buy and sell at the old prices. Your man Babayaro, who hasn't played a game for Chelsea yet, is a good example. You could sell him today, before half-a-million is knocked off his value.**

But when he starts playing; his value might jump again.

What was it I said about faith in your team?

This week 70 players are revalued in ITF. Also the new Faxback service showing your team's up-to-date progress is in operation

THE REVALUATION of Interactive Team Football players, another innovation, starts this week. On the player lists on page 23 you will see that players' costs (fourth column) have sometimes gone up or down. The old price is in brackets, the new price in bold type. See opposite page for full details of how this affects your transfers.

■ From October there will be a separate monthly prize for ITF Internet players. It will be as attractive as the monthly ITF League prize — £1,000, plus football gear and Premiership tickets.

The reason for this new prize is that, with transfers on the Internet being free, Internet players if they choose can use all their transfers in one month to improve their positions. The advantage gained from free transfers is only short-term. It would be a big disadvantage in the quest for the ITF League prize of £50,000 to use up all your transfers so early in the season. But Internet players can still compete for the top prize and for the FA Cup league starting in January.

■ You can still enter ITF via The Times Website (www.the-times.co.uk), via LineOne or via Sky Sports Interactive (Sky Text page 118). Please note that some features such as mini-leagues may not be available on these platforms.

HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS

All 1997-8 matches in the FA Carling Premiership, FA Cup, Bell's Scottish League premier division and Tennents Scottish Cup count for points. Penalty shootouts do not count but results decided in this way will count for managers.

POINTS AWARDED

Goalkeeper
Keeps clean sheet (per half)** +3 points
Scores goal +20 points
Saves penalty +1 point

Full backs/Central defender
Keeps clean sheet* +3 points
Scores goal +4 points

Midfield player
Keeps clean sheet* +1 point
Scores goal +3 points

Striker
Scores goal +2 points

All players
On winning side +1 point
Appearance† +1 point
Scores hat-trick +10 bonus points

Manager
Wins +3 points
Draws +1 point

POINTS DEDUCTED

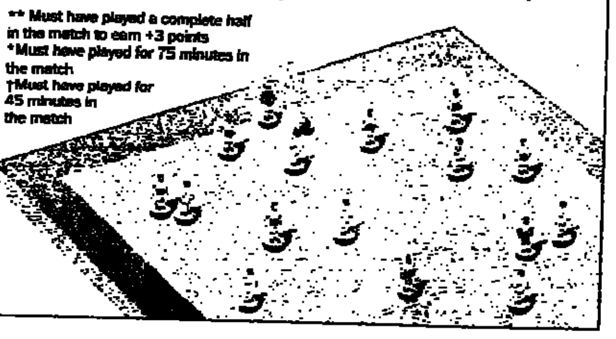
Goalkeeper
Concedes goal -2 points

Full backs/Central defender
Concedes goal -1 point

All players
Sent off -3 points
Booked -1 point
Concedes penalty -1 point
Misses penalty -1 point
Scores own goal -1 point

Manager
Team loses -1 point

** Must have played a complete half in the match to earn +3 points
*Must have played for 75 minutes in the match
†Must have played for 45 minutes in the match



FAXBACK: YOUR UP-TO-DATE TEAM SCORES

The brand new *Times* Faxback service provides you with a complete results sheet of your team, showing current and total scores, dates, times and details of transfers, as well as your position in the ITF League and, *if appropriate*, your *mini-league* (womens, students, youth). Scores and transfer confirmations are updated by 12 noon on the day *following a match or matches.*

Make sure you have your ten-digit PIN number ready when you call. To obtain an ITF Team Faxback, simply pick up the handset of the fax machine and dial the telephone number below. If your fax does not have a handset, attach a handset or press the on-hook or telephone button instead and dial the number below. Listen carefully to the instructions and press the appropriate buttons when asked. Calls cost £1 per minute and are available in the UK only.

The number to call for your Faxback is:

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If you have any problems operating this service, call the Faxback Helpline on 0171-412 3795. This service is provided by Telecom Express, Westminster Tower, London SE1 7SP.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ENTER ITF

£1,000, a signed Mitre football and a Mitre Sports bag, and tickets to a premier league match of your choice can be won every month, plus the chance to win £10,000 in a separate FA Cup League so enter the ITF now.

The manager of the month can be won by any team, no matter where it is in the overall ITF league. The prize simply goes to the person whose team scores the highest points in any one month. If you are a student or a woman *(18 or over)* you may also enter the appropriate mini-league, while under-18 year olds enter the Youth league. These all carry separate monthly prizes.

By entering the ITF, your team will automatically be entered into a separate FA Cup league. Your players will earn you points for the FA Cup league *(Littlewoods FA Cup and Tennents Scottish FA Cup)* as well as the main ITF league.

Remember the earlier you register, the more transfers your team will be allocated.

HOW TO ENTER

Entries to ITF via The Times are now by phone only, on

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From the Republic of Ireland only +44 990 100 308

- You must use a Touch-tone *(DTMF)* telephone *(most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone).*
- Choose 1 goalkeeper, 2 full backs, 2 central defenders, 4 midfielders, 2 strikers and a manager.
- Do not spend more than 35 million.
- Do not choose more than two individuals *(2 players or 1 player and 1 manager)* from any one club.
- Once you have chosen your team, call the entry line, above, and follow these step-by-step instructions.
  a) You must tap in *(not speak)* the full set of selections *(using the five-digit player codes)* for each of your 11 chosen players and your manager.
  b) You will be asked whether you wish to enter one of the mini leagues *(women's, students', youth)* if appropriate. If so, do so as directed on the telephone.
  c) You must speak the name of your team *(no more than 16 characters)*, *your name, address with postcode and your* daytime telephone number.
  d) Finally, you will be given a ten-digit personal indentification number *(PIN)* at the end of the call. You must keep a note of this number as you will need your PIN for making transfers and checking your team score.

A new team will score points on future games. 0891 calls cost 50p per minute. Your call will cost about double if made from a pay phone. In the event of there being more than one manager of the month, the winner will be chosen at random. In the event of there being more than one league winner, a tiebreak will operate.

LEAGUE UPDATES

ITF LEAGUE
£50,000 top prize
£1,000 monthly prize

PFA PLAYERS' LEAGUE
Professionals choose their fantasy team

STUDENTS' LEAGUE
Monthly prize of premiership tickets, signed football and sports bag

YOUTH LEAGUE
Monthly prize of premiership tickets, signed football and sports bag

WOMEN'S LEAGUE
Monthly prize of premiership tickets, signed football and sports bag

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Wetherall hits champions — and winning ITF streak

IT WAS arguably the most significant goal of the weekend — certainly the one that meant most to supporters of the scorer's team.

However, when David Wetherall, the Leeds United central defender, climbed above Gary Pallister to head the winner against Manchester United on Saturday (right), he delighted more than the Elland Road regulars.

Any Interactive Team Football entrant with Wetherall in his or her team this week benefited to the tune of 13 points. Wetherall's hot streak, which began with his team's 2-0 victory against Southampton at The Dell, included two clean sheets (worth three points each), his four-point goal, and two points for wins — not a bad haul.

Modesty probably forbade him to include himself in his own ITF selection — currently occupying second place in the PFA league — in favour of Steve Walsh, the Leicester City captain, who missed his team's victory at Barnsley on Saturday, and Ugo Ehiogu of Aston Villa, who conceded two goals in the draw with Sheffield Wednesday. A mistake, surely; he outscored them both last week.

His choice of goalkeeper, though, was sound. Kasey Keller of Leicester City has performed consistently well behind a defence that is becoming renowned for its meanness, and his weekly score of 10 points brings his total up to 41 for the season: bettered only by Peter Schmeichel, who has 48.

Wetherall's weekly close encounters with top-class forwards led him to choose Ian Wright, who has contributed strongly to "Wether's Wanderers", but Martin Dahlin, who had not played a single Premiership game when Wetherall chose him, was something of a gamble.

WETHERALL'S XI

Kasey Keller (Leicester) 41
Steve Watson (Newc) 13
Warren Barton (Newc) 9
Ugo Ehiogu (A Villa) 7
Steve Walsh (Leicester) 25
Jason Wilcox (Blackburn) 13
Aljosa Asanovic (Derby) 2
Regi Blinker (Celtic) 4
Benito Carbone (Sheff W) 20
Martin Dahlin (Blackburn) 12
Ian Wright (Arsenal) 38
George Graham (Leeds) 9

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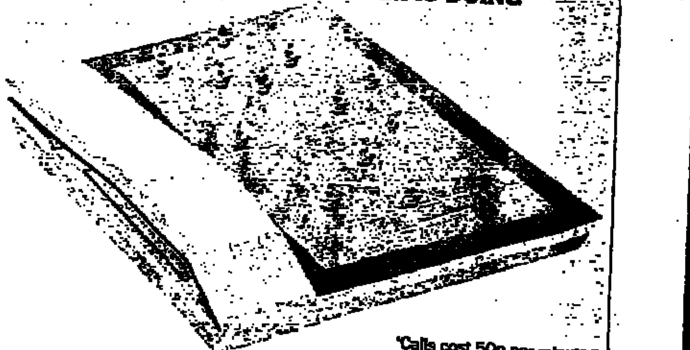

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Guide to players, transfers and revaluations

From today a number of ITF players have new values, offering intriguing possibilities for skilful transfers

A new addition to Interactive Team Football is player revaluation, which will take place four times during the season, and will reflect changes to the market values of certain players as a result of injuries, loss of form, a consistent scoring streak or a run of shut-outs.

The first revaluation comes into force at midnight tonight. Until then, players affected can be transferred in and out at their original valuations. After that, the new prices (shown in brackets in the lists below) come into force. Further revaluations will take place every two months up to and including the end of March.

A rise in the price of a player in your existing team, which raises the total value of the squad over the £35 million total limit, does not mean that you will have to make transfers to restore the balance. In effect, your sound judgment of a player has earned you the right to spend more of your chairman's money. However, a player transferring out of your team can only command the new price.

In other words, if Regi Blinker, currently valued at £1.5 million, is in your team, you can sell him tomorrow for £3 million and — here's the good part — buy a player of equivalent value who might previously have been out of your price range. Conversely, if you paid £2.5 million for his Celtic team-mate Tommy Johnson, you will get £1 million less if you sell him after midnight tonight.

Individuals who have started the season well, like Marco Negri of Rangers, who will cost £3 million more tomorrow than he does today, find their increased valuations reflecting their good form, but the most startling rises in market value have occurred in players with teams whose results have generally exceeded expectations. Blackburn Rovers are a good example. their four listed midfield players have each gone up in value by £500,000, while Chris Sutton, whose goalscoring form has returned him to the fringes of the England squad, has doubled in value from £3 million to £6 million.

Where expectations have not been met, however, the fluctuations can be even more drastic. Paolo di Canio was rated at £6.5 million on the threshold of a season that promised much for the white-booted one and for Sheffield Wednesday, contenders for a European place last season. Di Canio's stock has fallen by £3.5 million; the largest change in any valuation.

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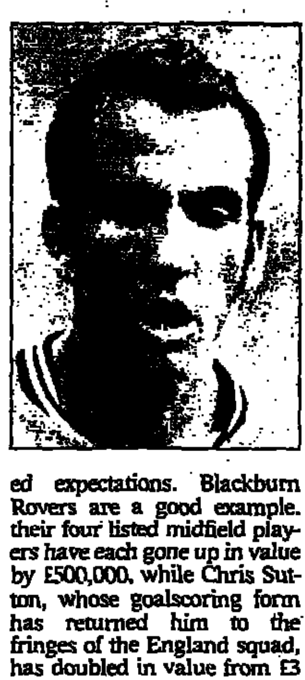

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Above left: Di Canio, who has lost value. Above: Negri, worth £3 million more

THIS WEEK'S TRANSFERS

IN

20403	Darren Barnard	Barnsley	£1.0m
22003	Rob Jones	Liverpool	£3.0m
22803	Steve Carr	Tottenham	£2.0m
30204	Steve Bould	Arsenal	£3.0m
32704	Ken Monkou	Southampton	£1.0m
42705	Carlton Palmer	Southampton	£1.5m
50704	Simon Donnelly	Celtic	£4.5m
50705	Henrik Larson	Celtic	£4.5m
51104	Dean Burton	Derby	£1.5m

OUT

41302	Derek Fleming	Dunfermline
50701	Jorge Cadete	Celtic

MOVED

42904	Michael Hughes	Wimbledon	£1.5m

transferred from West Ham (price revalued to £2.0m)

HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER

☐ YOU MAY transfer as and when you wish according to your team transfer allowance. If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You may adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.

☐ EACH TEAM that was entered by August 9 was allocated 60 transfers for the season and each team registering after that date has its number of transfers reduced by three per week up to December 13. All teams registered before noon that day will be allocated an extra 20 transfers. Teams registered after noon on December 13 will be allocated 20 transfers for the rest of the season.

☐ THE LINE is open now and will remain open for the rest of the season. You may only make transfers by using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone). You will need ten digits for your PIN which you will have to tap in (not speak). Follow the simple instructions and tap in the five-digit codes of the players that you are transferring.

☐ YOU MAY make up to four transfers per call but may make as many calls as you wish to achieve the required amount of transfers.

☐ TRANSFERS made before 12 noon on any day will become effective for matches starting after that time. Transfers made after 12 noon will become effective for matches starting after 12 noon the following day.

☐ YOUR NEW player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then ceases to score for you.

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FULL PLAYERS LISTS INCLUDING OCTOBER REVALUATIONS, WITH OLD PRICES IN BRACKETS. NEW PRICES EFFECTIVE FROM MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
10101	J Leighton	Aberdeen	2.00	—3	-11
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	8	27
10301	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	3.00	—2	14
10401	D Watson	Barnsley	1.00	—4	-15
10501	T Flowers	Blackburn	3.50	9	16
10601	K Branagan	Bolton	1.50	2	14
10701	S Kerr	Celtic	4.00	0	0
10801	E De Goey	Chelsea	3.00	5	17
10901	S Ogrizovic	Coventry	1.50	9	16
11001	C Nash	C Palace	0.25 (1.00)	0	0
11002	K Miller	C Palace	2.00	—1	17
11101	M Poom	Derby	1.50	9	25
11201	S Dykstra	Dundee U	2.00 (3.00)	0	-12
11301	I Westwater	Dunfermline	1.00	3	2
11401	N Southall	Everton	2.00	0	—1
11501	G Rousset	Hearts	1.50	8	22
11601	C Reid	Hibernian	1.50 (1.00)	0	0
11701	D Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	—7
11801	N Martyn	Leeds Utd	3.50	16	18
11901	K Keller	Leicester	2.50 (2.00)	10	41
12001	D James	Liverpool	3.50	5	19
12101	P Schmeichel	Man Utd	5.00	—1	48
12201	S Howie	Motherwell	1.00	0	0
12301	S Given	Newcastle	4.00	10	24
12401	A Goram	Rangers	5.00	0	3
12501	K Pressman	Sheffield W	2.00 (2.50)	0	-11
12701	M Taylor	Southmptn	0.50 (1.50)	0	0
12601	A Main	St Johnstone	0.50	3	—1
12801	I Walker	Tottenham	3.00	9	25
12901	L Miklosko	West Ham	2.00	—1	9
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	2.50	10	17

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
20201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	1	4
20202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	1	14
20203	E Petit	Arsenal	3.00 (2.50)	4	5
20301	S Staunton	Aston Villa	3.00	1	10
20302	A Wright	Aston Villa	3.00	—3	5
20303	S Grayson	Aston Villa	2.50	—2	5
20304	F Nelson	Aston Villa	2.00	—3	2
20401	N Eaden	Barnsley	0.50	0	—2
20402	N Thompson	Barnsley	0.50	0	0
20502	J Kenna	Blackburn	2.50 (2.00)	3	15
20503	P Valery	Blackburn	2.50 (2.00)	1	9
20601	N Cox	Bolton	2.00	0	3
21901	M Whitlow	Bolton	1.50	—1	3
20602	R Elliott	Bolton	2.00	0	4
20701	T Boyd	Celtic	3.50	1	10
20702	T McKinlay	Celtic	3.50	0	0
20703	J McNamara	Celtic	3.00	1	3
20501	G Le Saux	Chelsea	4.00	4	18
20801	D Petrescu	Chelsea	4.00	—1	20
20802	C Babayaro	Chelsea	2.00 (2.50)	0	0
20901	D Burrows	Coventry	1.00	4	5
20902	B Borrows	Coventry	1.00	0	0
20903	M Hall	Coventry	1.00	4	6
21001	D Gordon	C Palace	1.50	3	11
21002	M Edworthy	C Palace	1.50	—1	4
21003	K Muscat	C Palace	1.00	—3	5
21101	C Powell	Derby	1.50	5	14
21102	D Yates	Derby	1.00	0	0
21401	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	2.50	0	—5
21402	E Barrett	Everton	1.50	—1	—2
21403	T Phelan	Everton	1.50	—1	2
21501	G Locke	Hearts	1.50	1	1
21701	D Kerr	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	0
21801	G Kelly	Leeds Utd	2.50	9	6
21802	D Robertson	Leeds Utd	2.50	10	7
21902	S Guppy	Leicester	1.50	5	27
22001	S Bjornebye	Liverpool	4.00	4	9
22002	J McAteer	Liverpool	3.00 (4.00)	0	1
22101	D Irwin	Man Utd	4.00	—2	20
22102	G Neville	Man Utd	3.50	—1	18
22103	P Neville	Man Utd	3.50	—1	10
22301	S Watson	Newcastle	3.00	4	13
22302	W Barton	Newcastle	2.00	1	9
22303	J Beresford	Newcastle	2.00 (1.50)	2	15
22304	S Pearce	Newcastle	3.00	0	6
22401	A Cleland	Rangers	3.00	4	10
22402	S Stensaas	Rangers	3.00	8	12
22501	P Blondeau	Sheffield W	2.00 (2.50)	—6	-16
22502	I Nolan	Sheffield W	2.00	—5	—9
22701	J Dodd	Southmptn	1.00	0	0
22702	F Benali	Southmptn	0.75	—4	—5
22703	S Charlton	Southmptn	0.75	0	0
22801	C Wilson	Tottenham	2.00	0	0
22802	J Edinburgh	Tottenham	2.00 (1.00)	0	1
22901	J Dicks	West Ham	3.00	0	0
22902	A Impey	West Ham	1.50	1	1
23001	B Thatcher	Wimbledon	2.00	1	2
23002	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	2.00	5	3
23003	A Kimble	Wimbledon	2.00	4	1
30101	B O'Neil	Aberdeen	2.00	0	-11
30201	T Adams	Arsenal	3.50	4	4
30202	M Keown	Arsenal	3.50	0	0
30203	G Grimandi	Arsenal	2.00	4	12
30301	G Southgate	Aston Villa	3.50	—5	0
30302	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	3.50	—3	7
30401	A De Zeeuw	Barnsley	1.00	—5	-11
30402	A Moses	Barnsley	0.50	—5	-11
30403	M Appleby	Barnsley	0.50	—4	—2
30502	C Hendry	Blackburn	3.00	4	13
30504	S Henchoz	Blackburn	2.50 (2.00)	4	5
30505	T Pedersen	Blackburn	2.00	0	0
30601	G Taggart	Bolton	1.50	—1	4
30602	G Bergsson	Bolton	1.00	—2	5
30603	C Fairclough	Bolton	1.00	0	0
30604	M Fish	Bolton	1.50	0	0
30701	E Annoni	Celtic	1.50 (3.00)	0	0
30702	M MacKay	Celtic	3.00	0	2
30703	A Stubbs	Celtic	3.00	1	6
30704	M Rieper	Celtic	3.00	1	1
30801	F Leboeuf	Chelsea	3.00	4	10
30802	M Duberry	Chelsea	3.00	0	8
30803	S Clarke	Chelsea	2.50	0	8
30804	B Lambourde	Chelsea	2.50	3	3
30901	L Daish	Coventry	1.50	0	0
30902	R Shaw	Coventry	1.50	4	8
30903	P Williams	Coventry	1.50	—1	—1
31001	A Roberts	C Palace	1.50	—1	4
31002	A Linighan	C Palace	0.75	—1	4
31003	D Tuttle	C Palace	0.75	0	0
31101	I Stimac	Derby	2.50	5	6
31102	J Laursen	Derby	1.50	9	12
31201	S Pressley	Dundee Utd	2.00 (3.00)	—1	—4
31301	G Shields	Dunfermline	1.50	1	—2
31401	S Bilic	Everton	2.50 (3.00)	—3	—5
31402	D Watson	Everton	2.00	—2	—3
31501	D Weir	Hearts	2.00	9	16
31601	J Hughes	Hibernian	2.00 (1.50)	0	4
31801	D Wetherall	Leeds Utd	2.00	13	12
31802	G Halle	Leeds Utd	2.00	9	7
31803	R Molenaar	Leeds Utd	2.00	10	8
31804	L Radebe	Leeds Utd	1.50	5	2
31901	M Elliott	Leicester	3.00	4	28
31902	P Kaamark	Leicester	2.00	4	21
31903	S Walsh	Leicester	1.50	0	25
32001	M Wright	Liverpool	3.00	0	5
32002	D Matteo	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
32003	B Kvarme	Liverpool	3.00	4	8
30501	H Berg	Man Utd	3.50 (3.00)	—2	18
32101	D May	Man Utd	3.50	0	0
32102	G Pallister	Man Utd	3.50	—1	23
32301	P Albert	Newcastle	3.00	5	13
32302	D Peacock	Newcastle	3.00	5	10
32303	S Howey	Newcastle	2.00	—1	0
32304	A Pistone	Newcastle	3.00	5	8
32401	S Porrini	Rangers	3.50	8	11
32402	J Bjorklund	Rangers	3.50	4	10
32403	L Amoruso	Rangers	3.50	0	0
32501	D Walker	Sheffield W	2.00 (2.50)	—5	—4
32502	J Newsome	Sheffield W	2.00 (2.50)	—2	0
32503	P Atherton	Sheffield W	2.00 (2.50)	0	—8
32701	R Dryden	Southmptn	1.00	—5	—5
32702	C Lundekvam	Southmptn	1.00	—4	—5
32601	S McCluskey	St Johnstone	0.50	0	0
32801	S Campbell	Tottenham	3.00	4	6
32802	J Scales	Tottenham	2.50	0	6
32803	R Vega	Tottenham	2.00	4	0
32804	C Calderwood	Tottenham	2.00	0	9
32901	R Ferdinand	West Ham	2.50	—3	—2
32902	R Hall	West Ham	2.00	0	0
31403	D Unsworth	West Ham	2.00	—3	—3
32903	S Potts	West Ham	1.50	0	1
32904	I Pearce	West Ham	2.00	—3	—3
33001	C Perry	Wimbledon	2.50	5	6
33002	D Blackwell	Wimbledon	2.50	5	3

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40101	E Jess	Aberdeen	2.00 (3.00)	1	5
40102	P Bernard	Aberdeen	2.00	1	3
40201	M Overmars	Arsenal	5.50	13	29
40202	P Vieira	Arsenal	3.50	4	15
40203	S Hughes	Arsenal	2.00 (2.50)	0	1
40204	R Parlour	Arsenal	2.50	4	19
40205	D Platt	Arsenal	1.50	2	5
40301	M Draper	Aston Villa	3.00 (4.00)	2	17
40302	I Taylor	Aston Villa	2.50	4	17
40401	N Redfearn	Barnsley	3.00	2	21
40402	E Tinkler	Barnsley	2.00	4	13
40403	D Sheridan	Barnsley	1.00	1	4
40404	M Bullock	Barnsley	0.50	1	7
40501	J Wilcox	Blackburn	3.00 (2.50)	—2	13
40502	B McKinlay	Blackburn	3.00 (2.50)	0	7
40503	T Sherwood	Blackburn	3.00 (2.50)	2	3
40504	G Flitcroft	Blackburn	3.00 (2.50)	3	14
40601	A Thompson	Bolton	2.50 (3.00)	5	17
40602	S Sellars	Bolton	2.00	0	8
40603	P Frandsen	Bolton	2.00	1	9
40604	M Johansen	Bolton	2.00	3	3
40605	J Pollock	Bolton	2.00	2	11
40701	A Thom	Celtic	4.50	1	10
40702	P O'Donnell	Celtic	3.00	4	6
42503	R Blinker	Celtic	3.00 (1.50)	0	4
40704	C Burley	Celtic	3.00	2	16
40801	D Wise	Chelsea	4.00	3	16
40802	R Di Matteo	Chelsea	4.00	2	15
40803	E Newton	Chelsea	1.50 (2.50)	0	0
40804	G Poyet	Chelsea	3.00 (2.00)	7	24
40901	G McAllister	Coventry	2.50	3	11
40902	T Soltvedt	Coventry	1.50	0	11
40903	J Salako	Coventry	1.50	0	11
41002	S Rodger	C Palace	1.00	0	7
41003	D Pitcher	C Palace	0.25	0	0
41004	P Warhurst	C Palace	1.50	4	16
41005	A Lombardo	C Palace	3.00 (2.50)	2	17
41101	A Asanovic	Derby	2.50	0	2
41102	S Eranio	Derby	2.50	8	14
41103	D Powell	Derby	1.50	0	1
41104	C Dailly	Derby	1.50	4	11
41105	R Van Der Laan	Derby	1.00	0	7
41106	J Hunt	Derby	1.00	1	12
41201	R Winters	Dundee Utd	3.50	1	10
41301	A Smith	Dunfermline	2.00	1	14
41302	D Fleming	Dunfermline	1.50	0	1
41401	G Speed	Everton	3.50	2	19
41402	J Parkinson	Everton	1.50	0	0
41403	G Farrelly	Everton	1.50	0	4
41404	D Williamson	Everton	2.00	0	6
41501	N McCann	Hearts	2.50	3	15
41601	C Jackson	Hibernian	2.00	0	1
41602	B Lavety	Hibernian	2.00	1	13
41701	J McIntyre	Kilmarnock	2.00	0	0
41001	D Hopkin	Leeds Utd	3.50	5	14
41801	L Bowyer	Leeds Utd	3.00	1	4
41802	A Haaland	Leeds Utd	2.00 (2.50)	5	9
41803	L Sharpe	Leeds Utd	2.50	0	0
41901	G Parker	Leicester	2.00	1	6
41902	N Lennon	Leicester	2.00	3	16
41903	M Izzet	Leicester	2.00	7	21
41904	S Taylor	Leicester	1.50	0	0
42001	S McManaman	Liverpool	7.00	7	19
42002	O Leonhardsen	Liverpool	3.00 (4.00)	0	0
42003	M Thomas	Liverpool	3.00	3	14
42004	J Redknapp	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
42006	P Ince	Liverpool	5.00	1	13
42101	D Beckham	Man Utd	8.00	2	21
42102	R Giggs	Man Utd	7.00	0	16
42103	R Keane	Man Utd	5.00	0	23
42104	N Butt	Man Utd	4.00	1	22
42105	A Cole	Man Utd	5.00	1	10
42201	B Davies	Motherwell	2.00	0	0
42301	R Lee	Newcastle	5.00	6	14
42302	K Gillespie	Newcastle	3.50	3	9
42303	D Batty	Newcastle	2.50	4	7
42005	J Barnes	Newcastle	2.50	4	10
42401	B Laudrup	Rangers	8.00	4	11
42402	P Gascoigne	Rangers	6.00	1	5
42403	J Thern	Rangers	4.00	0	2
42404	J Albertz	Rangers	4.00	3	9
42501	B Carbone	Sheffield W	3.00	5	20
42701	J Magilton	Sheffield W	2.00 (1.50)	2	10
42502	M Pembridge	Sheffield W	2.00 (2.50)	2	6
42504	G Hyde	Sheffield W	1.00	0	4
42702	R Slater	Southampton	0.75	0	2
42703	N Maddison	Southmptn	0.75	1	11
42704	K Richardson	Southmptn	0.50	2	3
42601	A Sekerlioglu	St Johnstone	0.75	0	6
42801	A Sinton	Tottenham	3.00	0	5
42802	D Anderton	Tottenham	3.00	0	0
42803	R Fox	Tottenham	2.00	2	10
42804	D Howells	Tottenham	2.00	0	11
42805	D Ginola	Tottenham	3.00 (2.50)	2	8
42901	E Berkovic	West Ham	2.50	5	20
42902	S Lomas	West Ham	2.50	2	10
42903	J Moncur	West Ham	2.00	0	6
42904	M Hughes	West Ham	2.00 (1.50)	2	6
43001	R Earle	Wimbledon	4.50	7	11
43002	N Ardley	Wimbledon	2.00	0	4
43003	V Jones	Wimbledon	2.00	2	5
43004	C Hughes	Wimbledon	1.50	7	8

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50101	B Dodds	Aberdeen	4.00 (5.00)	3	11
50201	I Wright	Arsenal	7.50	7	38
50202	D Bergkamp	Arsenal	8.50 (7.50)	5	36
50301	D Yorke	Aston Villa	7.50	2	18
50302	S Collymore	Aston Villa	7.00	2	13
50303	S Milosevic	Aston Villa	3.00	0	3
50401	G Hristov	Barnsley	1.50	0	6
50402	J Hendrie	Barnsley	1.50	0	6
51102	A Ward	Barnsley	2.00	1	7
50403	C Marcelle	Barnsley	1.00	0	4
50501	K Gallacher	Blackburn	5.50 (4.00)	2	24
50502	M Dahlin	Blackburn	4.00	2	12
50503	C Sutton	Blackburn	6.00 (3.00)	4	37
50601	J McGinlay	Bolton	2.00 (3.00)	0	3
50602	N Blake	Bolton	3.50 (2.50)	2	10
50603	P Beardsley	Bolton	2.00	4	9
50701	J Cadete	Celtic	8.00	0	0
51601	D Jackson	Celtic	4.00	0	5
50703	T Johnson	Celtic	2.50 (3.50)	0	0
50801	G Zola	Chelsea	7.00	2	10
50802	M Hughes	Chelsea	5.00	3	10
50901	D Dublin	Coventry	5.00	0	24
50902	D Huckerby	Coventry	2.50 (3.00)	1	12
50903	N Whelan	Coventry	2.00 (2.50)	0	0
51001	N Shipperley	C Palace	1.50 (2.50)	1	5
51002	D Freedman	C Palace	1.50 (2.50)	2	4
51003	B Dyer	C Palace	2.00	0	12
51101	D Sturridge	Derby	4.00	0	5
51103	F Baiano	Derby	2.00	10	17
51201	A McLaren	Dundee Utd	3.00	0	3
51202	K Olofsson	Dundee Utd	2.50	3	10
51301	G Britton	Dunfermline	2.00	3	3
51401	D Ferguson	Everton	5.00	0	8
51402	N Barmby	Everton	3.00	1	6
51403	G Stuart	Everton	2.50	2	11
51501	J Robertson	Hearts	3.50	0	12
51701	P Wright	Kilmarnock	5.00	2	11
51702	A Mitchell	Kilmarnock	2.50	2	5
51801	J Hasselbaink	Leeds Utd	3.00	0	10
51803	R Wallace	Leeds Utd	2.50 (1.50)	6	23
51901	S Claridge	Leicester	2.50 (4.50)	1	5
51902	E Heskey	Leicester	4.50	3	15
51903	I Marshall	Leicester	2.50 (2.00)	4	15
51904	G Fenton	Leicester	2.00	4	7
52001	R Fowler	Liverpool	8.50	7	7
52002	P Berger	Liverpool	3.00	3	5
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52301	A Shearer	Newcastle	10.00	0	0
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50702	P Di Canio	Sheffield W	3.00 (6.50)	4	11
52502	D Hirst	Sheffield W	2.50	1	5
52503	R Humphreys	Sheffield W	2.00	0	3
52701	M Le Tissier	Southmptn	7.00	0	—1
52702	E Ostenstad	Southmptn	4.00	0	5
52703	M Evans	Southmptn	2.00	2	6
52601	G O'Boyle	St Johnstone	1.50	0	8
52602	R Grant	St Johnstone	1.00	0	5
52801	S Iversen	Tottenham	3.50	0	6
52302	L Ferdinand	Tottenham	7.50	1	15
52802	C Armstrong	Tottenham	3.50	4	5
52901	J Hartson	West Ham	3.50 (3.00)	5	22
52902	P Kitson	West Ham	3.00	0	9
52903	I Dowie	West Ham	1.50	2	6
53001	M Gayle	Wimbledon	4.00	0	7
53002	E Ekoku	Wimbledon	4.00	5	15
53003	D Holdsworth	Wimbledon	3.00	0	3

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
60101	R Aitken	Aberdeen	1.50 (2.50)	—1	—2
60201	A Wenger	Arsenal	5.00 (4.50)	4	19
60301	B Little	Aston Villa	2.50 (3.50)	0	5
60401	D Wilson	Barnsley	0.50	—2	—1
60501	R Hodgson	Blackburn	3.00	2	15
60601	C Todd	Bolton	1.50	2	6
60701	W Jansen	Celtic	4.00	3	11
60801	R Gullit	Chelsea	3.50	4	14
60901	G Strachan	Coventry	1.00	2	9
61001	S Coppell	C Palace	0.75	2	7
61101	J Smith	Derby	1.00	6	9
61201	T McLean	Dundee Utd	2.00 (3.00)	—1	—2
61301	B Paton	Dunfermline	1.00	3	10
61401	H Kendall	Everton	2.00	0	4
61501	J Jefferies	Hearts	2.50 (1.50)	3	14
61601	J Duffy	Hibernian	2.00 (1.00)	1	8
61701	B Williamson	Kilmarnock	1.00	—2	1
61801	G Graham	Leeds Utd	2.00	6	9
61901	M O'Neill	Leicester	2.50 (1.50)	4	17
62001	R Evans	Liverpool	4.00	2	10
62101	A Ferguson	Man Utd	5.00	0	17
62201	A McLeish	Motherwell	1.00	1	3
62301	K Dalglish	Newcastle	4.50	2	10
62401	W Smith	Rangers	5.00	4	11
62501	D Pleat	Sheffield W	1.00 (2.50)	0	1
62701	D Jones	Southmptn	0.50 (0.75)	—2	—3
62601	P Sturrock	St Johnstone	0.50	1	2
62801	G Francis	Tottenham	2.50	2	7
62901	H Redknapp	West Ham	2.00 (1.50)	2	9
63001	J Kinnear	Wimbledon	2.00	4	6

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Mandelson rejected by old Left

■ Labour activists embarrassed Tony Blair by rejecting his close adviser and friend Peter Mandelson as a member of the party's ruling body.

The vote ended the Prime Minister's hopes of a trouble-free party conference and overshadowed preparations for his address today. But Mr Blair, his advisers and Mr Mandelson himself swiftly countered suggestions that the defeat of one of the architects of new Labour was a vote against modernisation — which will be the theme of today's speech........ **Pages 1, 8, 9**

Insurance to replace benefits

■ Greater use of insurance to replace a range of state benefits is being considered by the Government as part of the reform of the welfare state. Ministers are asking if benefits taken for granted should continue to be paid by the state............ **Page 1**

Princess of Wales

Friends of Diana, Princess of Wales, welcomed the fact that the record had finally been put straight on her troubled and often unhappy life................ **Pages 1, 4**

ITV raiders

ITV has raided the BBC's ideas and talent cupboard in a bid to arrest its ratings decline and convince Britain's advertisers that it has a future........................ **Page 1**

Beef blamed

Compelling evidence that mad cow disease (BSE) can be transmitted to humans has been found by British scientists.......... **Page 2**

Bullies 'hounded girl'

The parents of a 13-year-old girl, found dead after a suspected overdose, have blamed the tragedy on bullies who targeted the family because they belonged to the Salvation Army.......... **Page 3**

Sinatra dispute

An unseemly "inheritance war" has erupted within the family of Frank Sinatra, pitting the 81-year-old singer's children — Tina, Frank Jr, and Nancy — against his fourth wife .... **Page 5**

Hardy church robbed

A Cornish church immortalised by Thomas Hardy has had its altar stolen. St Juliot's is the latest in a series of remote West Country churches to be targeted by thieves feeding a market for religous artefacts............. **Page 6**

Army rape case

Six naked Army officers raped a 23-year-old student after cavorting around her in a sauna, a court was told .... **Page 7**

Bonino held

Armed religious police of the Islamic Taleban held Emma Bonino, the European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and 18 other people for more than three hours after pictures of women were taken in an Afghan hospital............................ **Page 10**

Politician must pay

A High Court judge has awarded damages of more than £8,000 against a veteran Singaporean opposition politician for defamation of the Prime Minister, Goh Chok Tong .... **Page 10**

Philosophical fury

Modern French philosophy is pretentious, verbose and often utterly meaningless, according to an incendiary new book which has provoked fury among Paris intellectuals .... **Page 12**

Unemployment row

The German Green Party has warned the Government against blaming foreigners for high unemployment rate .... **Page 12**

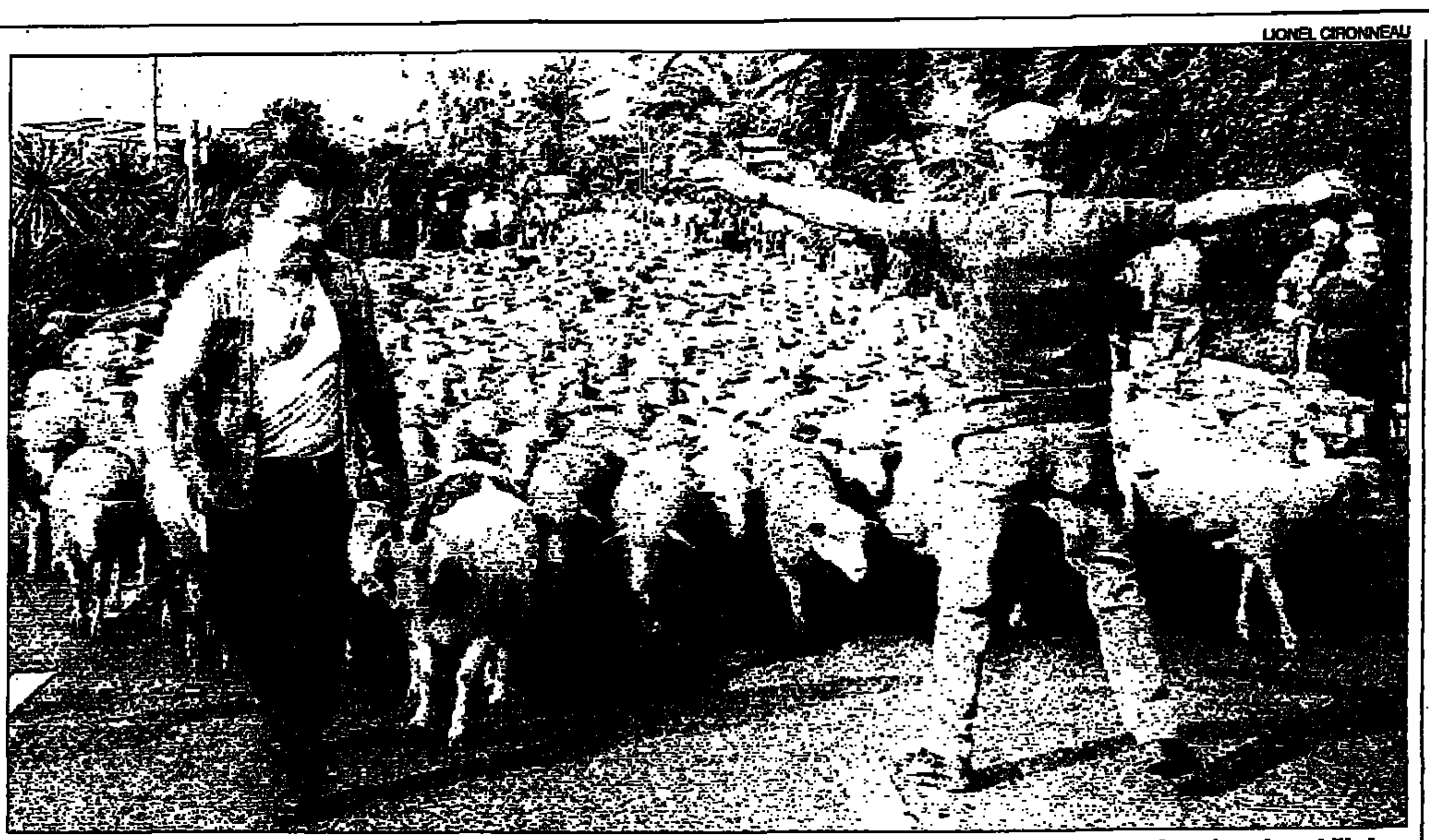
Earthquake scandal

The two Franciscan friars killed in Friday's Umbria quake were buried amid reports that pieces of damaged art works are being sold on the black market.......... **Page 13**

Repentant men join a sobbing march

■ They sob as they hug each other, swear they love their families and God, beg forgiveness for doing wrong and promise now to be better fathers and husbands. Washington is bracing itself for the arrival on Saturday of the Promise Keepers, the controversial Christian men's movement which has swept the country in just seven years........................ **Page 11**

LIONEL CIRONNEAU



Shepherds protest in Nice about the reintroduction of wolves into the Mercantour National Park. They say 2,000 sheep have been killed

BUSINESS

Gilts deals: Heavy buying of gilt futures was reported preceding reports that the Cabinet is adopting a more positive stance on membership of a single currency ...**Page 25**

Pubs approval: The European Commission ruled that Whitbread was entitled to charge tenants more than the standard price for beer because it provided them with other benefits............................**Page 25**

Pension fine: Midland Bank has been fined £150,000 for its part in the pensions mis-selling scandal. It wrongly advised some of its customers to ditch their company pension scheme........................**Page 25**

Markets: The FTSE 100 fell 6.0 to 5220.3. Sterling rose from 99.7 to 100.2, rising from $1.6053 to $1.6168 and DM2.8324 to DM2.8438 ...... **Page 28**

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Olympic Games: Many of Britain's competitors have been told by sports councils that they face being taxed on the money they are awarded from the Lottery .... **Page 48**

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Carte blanche: Armed with a new home, a new sponsor and an Arts Council grant, D'Oyly Carte is back in fine form with two productions of solid pleasure .... **Page 17**

Holy vigil: James MacMillan's powerful three-movement symphony, *Vigil*, symbolising birth and rebirth in an Easter setting, received its premiere............. **Page 17**

Jazz greatness: A four-album CD set allows enthusiasts to savour the full experience of four nights of legendary music-making in 1961 by the saxophonist John Coltrane............................. **Page 17**

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Let techno-battle commence: network computer mogul Larry Ellison versus PC king Bill Gates

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Lynn Seymour's amazing return to the ballet stage

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Royal biography: In Part Two of our extracts from *Diana, Her True Story — In Her Own Words*, the author, Andrew Morton, says that for the Princess, the act of talking about her life provoked many memories, some cheerful, others almost too difficult to put into words .... **Pages 14, 15**

LAW

Driven to safety: In the light of the crash in which Diana, Princess of Wales, died, car manufacturers should take stock and keep safety in perspective. If they do not, they have to take their share of the blame............................**Page 35**

Legal aid: The Lord Chancellor will shortly make a series of key decisions that will transform the £1.5 billion legal aid scheme. Roger Smith reports on the challenge to provide justice for all ....**Page 37**

Compensation: When people are injured, courts often have to calculate the cost of care for life or the value of lost earnings for the rest of the victim's working life....**Page 37**

THE PAPERS

Tony Blair is bringing everything off successfully. The economy is going full steam ahead. Unemployment is in freefall. The pound has refound all its lustre. Even the sensitive way in which he handled the tragic death of Lady Diana has made a favourable impression

— *Le Figaro*

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Preview: The hunt is on for illegal immigrants, *Cutting Edge* (Channel 4, 9pm); **Review:** Joe Joseph discovers a new meaning for greedy .... **Pages 46, 47**

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The Brown version

It is far easier to be a Conservative than a Labour Chancellor. Tories love phrases such as "prudent fiscal policy" or "bearing down on inflation": to Labour delegates they resemble cough medicine.. **Page 19**

Set in stone

The earthquake that devastated Assisi at the weekend is a tragedy not only for the relatives of the victims and for those who lost their homes but for Christians and art lovers around the world ....**Page 19**

Nothing sacred

Those dedicated to the salvation of souls have reason to concentrate on their own protection..........**Page 19**

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LIBBY PURVES

For fleeting, shallow pleasure I fell into the eighth deadly sin: political analysis. Listening to Robin Cook on the radio, I found myself narrowing my eyes and saying: *"Hah! I wonder what Gordon Brown will think of that!"* ....**Page 18**

PETER STOTHARD

In the Grand Hotel bar there are only so many kisses that can be exchanged. In the Metropole foyer there are only so many election souvenirs to traded and jobs to be sought in the new empires of patronage ....**Page 18**

ANATOLE KALETSKY

As Tony Blair and Gordon Brown bask in the adulation of the party faithful at Brighton, a possible clash between the next door neighbours is looming ....**Page 18**

PETER RIDDELL

Gordon Brown knows how to bridge "old" and "new" Labour. Peter Mandelson does not. That was starkly shown yesterday by the contrasting fates of the two main architects of Blairism.......... **Page 8**

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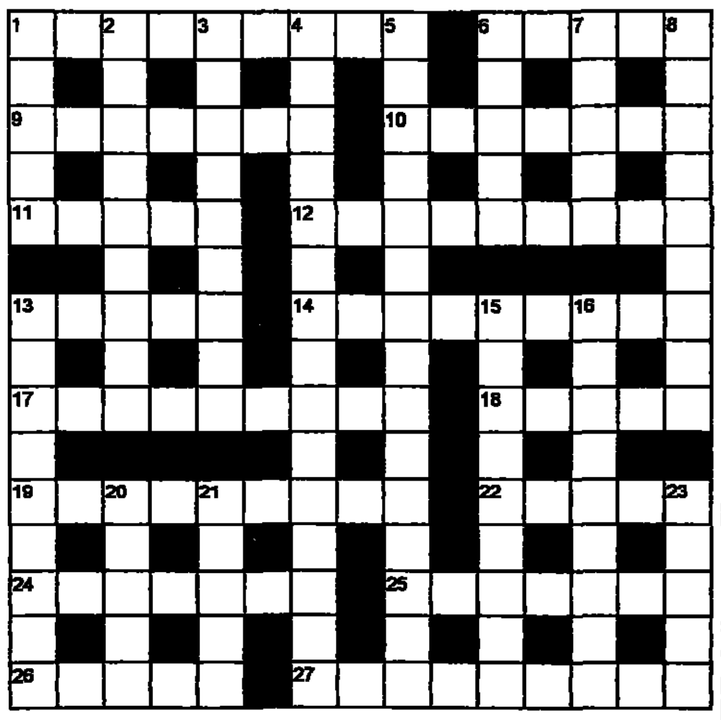

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1 Vessel in which second mate's unusually "with it" (9).
6 Comic actor, Polish, with nothing on (5).
9 Divine pair joined by formal decree (7).
10 Alfalfa from Swiss lake district (7).
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12 Pedestrian hired vehicle, extremely exhausted (9).
13 Ancient, after opening of Parliament, is summoned by Speaker (5).
14 Such great sacrifices trouble Macbeth so (9).
17 Join volunteers at home to look after guests (9).
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19 George not known in Lancaster? (9).
22 Some self-indulgent characters, small and mischievous (5).
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26 Not put into speech? Whip rejected it (5).
27 Characteristic of some cliffs on the Kent coast (9).

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1 Learner copies the wrong way? A bit of a bloomer (5).
2 Better looking plant? (9).
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4 Success with principal policies made news (3,3,9).
5 No balletic scope, unfortunately, for the flat-footed sort (6,9).
6 Material support for family firm breaking embargo (5).
7 Poet's everlasting incursion? (5).
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13 Shut up about overturned waterbasin – it's all over the place (9).
15 One coming across Ben, playwright to the monarch (9).
16 Leading model of big store computer (9).
20 Head in charge of this subject (5).
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Sun rises: 7.00 am
Sun sets: 6.41 pm
Moon sets 6.21 pm
Moon rises 5.32 am

New moon tomorrow

London 6.41 pm to 7.01 am
Bristol 6.50 pm to 7.11 am
Edinburgh 6.51 pm to 7.16 am
Manchester 6.48 pm to 7.10 am
Penzance 7.03 pm to 7.22 am

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Heavy rain and strong winds across Scotland clearing to give sunny spells and blustery showers, mostly in west and north, by afternoon. Drizzly rain over Northern Ireland will become heavier before clearing to give sunny spells and showers. Cloudy with drizzle in Irish Republic.

Northern England and North Wales will have rain, becoming lighter and more sporadic as it moves towards Midlands and South Wales. Southern England dry with sunny spells.

Tonight, Scotland will be windy with showers, heavy in northwest.

☐ **London, SE, Cent S, E, SW England, E Anglia, Midlands, Channel Is, S Wales:** Dry with sunny spells. Freshening SW wind. Max 24C (75F).

☐ **E, NW, Cent N England, N Wales:** Dry at first; patchy rain will develop from north later. Fresh SW winds. Max 22C (72F).

☐ **Lakes, IoM, NE England, Borders, SW Scotland:** Heavy rain at times. Drier, brighter later. Strong SW winds. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, N Ireland:** Windy with heavy rain, drier, brighter later. Strong SW to W winds. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney:** Heavy rain will clear to leave sunshine and blustery showers. Strong to gale force SW winds, veering W to NW later. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Shetland:** Dry morning, heavy rain during afternoon. Strong to gale force S winds veering W later. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Republic of Ireland:** Mostly cloudy. Patchy drizzle mainly on coasts and on hills. Wind SW moderate to fresh. Humid. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Outlook:** Rain over England and Wales will die out leaving spells of sunshine. Showery and windy across Scotland.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Aberdeen	3.6	0.14	17	63	b	Isle-of-wight	4.5	-	21	70	b
Anglesey	1.7	0.13	17	63	d	Jersey	6.1	0.01	23	73	s
Aspatria	4.9	0.28	17	63	b	Kinloss	5.1	0.10	16	61	s
Aviemore	4.3	0.01	16	61	b	Leeds	0.2	0.01	18	64	c
Belfast	1.0	0.06	15	59	c	Lerwick	5.1	0.13	14	57	sh
Birmingham	0.2	0.01	18	64	r	Leuchars	2.0	0.02	17	63	b
Bognor R	5.1	-	21	70	s	Littlehmptn	5.3	-	20	68	b
Bournem'th	6.8	-	20	68	s	London	4.0	-	24	75	b
Bristol	3.6	-	22	72	s	Lowestoft	1.1	0.01	21	70	b
Buxton	-	0.05	15	59	du	Manchester	-	0.04	17	63	r
Cardiff	4.0	0.01	20	68	b	Margate	2.6	-	22	72	b
Clacton	5.7	-	17	63	c	Morecambe	1.5	0.35	17	63	r
Colwyn Bay	0.5	0.01	17	63	c	Newcastle	1.0	0.02	17	63	b
Cromer	0.4	0.01	20	68	c	Newquay	4.5	-	20	68	b
Dunbar	2.5	0.01	17	63	b	Norwich	0.6	0.01	21	70	c
Eastbourne	4.3	-	20	68	b	Oxford	4.0	-	23	73	du
Edinburgh	2.7	0.01	17	63	c	Penzance	X	-	21	70	s
Eskdalemuir	4.8	0.18	15	59	b	Poole	6.2	-	23	73	s
Exmouth	6.7	-	19	66	s	Ross-o-wye	1.7	-	20	68	c
Falmouth	5.2	-	21	70	s	Salcombe	4.7	-	19	66	b
Fishguard	-	0.19	16	61	r	Sauntn Snd	2.9	-	21	70	du
Folkestone	5.4	-	19	66	b	Scarboro'	0.1	-	18	64	c
Glasgow	3.6	0.22	16	61	sh	Shrewsbury	-	0.01	17	63	r
Guernsey	5.4	0.01	21	70	s	Southsea	5.3	-	21	70	s
Hastings	4.8	-	19	66	b	Stornoway	6.8	0.11	15	59	s
Hayling I.	3.6	-	19	66	s	Swanage	6.4	-	20	68	s
Herne Bay	2.8	-	22	72	s	Tenby	-	0.05	17	63	d
Hove	5.1	-	19	66	s	Tiree	6.4	0.27	15	59	b
Hunstanton	1.2	0.03	19	66	r	Torquay	7.4	-	23	73	s
Isle-of-man	4.1	0.01	17	63	b	Tynemouth	-	-	17	63	b

ABROAD

Ajaccio	25	77	s	C'phagn	17	63	s	Malaga	25	77	f	S Paulo	18	64	f
Akrotiri	24	75	s	Dublin	19	66	s	Malta	25	77	s	Salzburg	18	64	f
Alex'dria	26	79	f	Dubrovnik	22	72	s	Melb'rne	13	55	f	Santiago	17	63	f
Algiers	30	86	f	Faro	24	75	s	Mexico C	23	73	f	Seoul	21	70	f
Amst'dm	15	59	s	Florence	23	73	c	Miami	28	82	r	Sing'por	29	84	c
Athens	26	79	s	Frankfurt	18	64	s	Milan	25	77	s	St'kholm	13	55	s
B Aires	18	64	f	Funchal	21	70	f	Montreal	20	68	s	Strasb'rg	21	70	s
Bahrain	36	97	s	Geneva	15	59	c	Moscow	3	37	c	Sydney	16	61	f
Bangkok	30	86	c	Gibraltar	21	70	f	Munich	19	66	s	Tangier	21	70	f
Barbados	30	86	f	Helsinki	10	50	c	N Delhi	33	91	s	Tel Aviv	X		
Barcelona	23	73	c	Hong K	21	70	r	N York	21	70	f	Tenerife	27	81	f
Beirut	24	75	f	Innsbrck	20	68	f	Nairobi	28	82	f	Tokyo	23	73	c
Belgrade	19	66	s	Istanbul	19	66	f	Naples	25	77	f	Toronto	19	66	s
Berlin	16	61	s	Jeddah	37	99	s	Nice	24	75	s	Tunis	29	84	s
Bermuda	27	81	f	Jo'burg	29	84	s	Oslo	13	55	f	Valencia	21	70	f
Biarritz	23	73	s	Karachi	X			Paris	23	73	s	Vanc'ver	16	61	c
Borde'x	28	82	s	L Angels	30	86	s	Peking	26	79	s	Venice	21	70	s
Brussels	14	57	f	L Palmas	24	75	f	Perth	22	72	s	Vienna	15	59	s
Budapest	18	64	f	Le Touqt	18	64	f	Prague	15	59	s	Warsaw	12	54	c
Cairo	28	82	s	Lisbon	24	75	s	Reykjavik	9	48	r	Wash'ton	18	64	f
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Locarno	19	66	c	Rhodes	23	73	s	Wel'ngton	15	59	X
Ch'church	21	70	X	Luxembg	21	70	s	Rio de J	27	81	s	Zurich	13	55	c
Chicago	20	68	s	Luxor	36	97	s	Riyadh	41	106	s				
Cologne	19	66	s	Madrid	21	70	f	Rome	25	77	f				
Corfu	24	75	s	Majorca	27	81	f	S Fr'sco	26	79	s				

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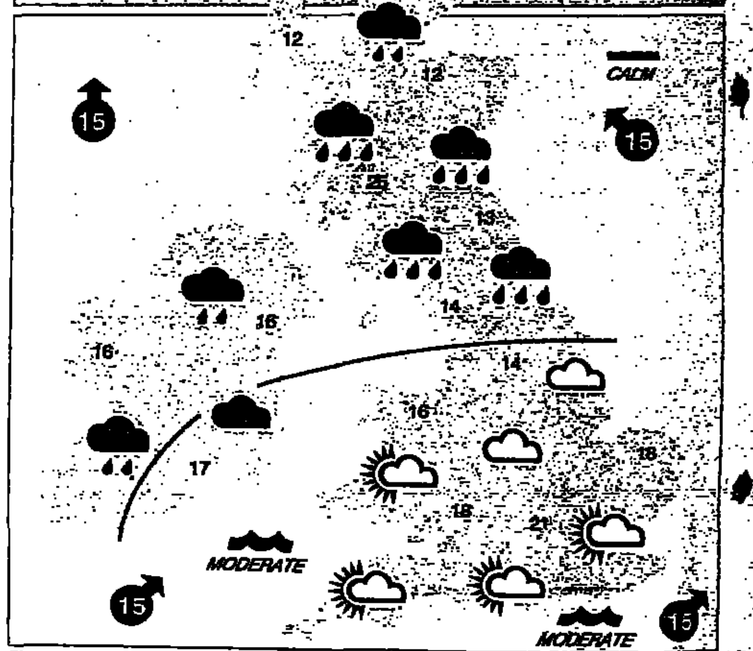

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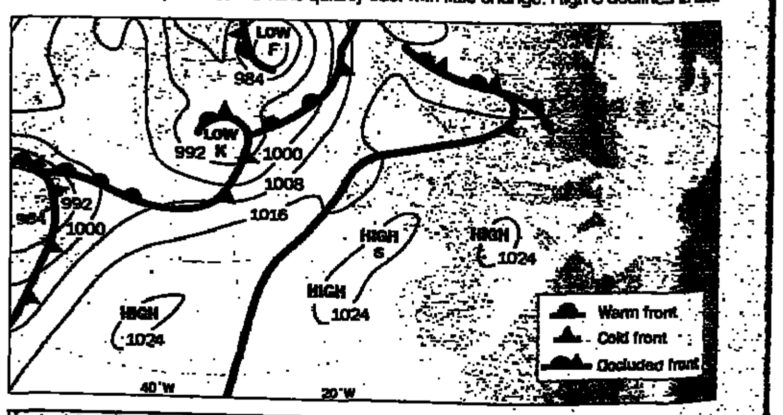

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Aberdeen	01.21	4.1	13.47	4.1	Liverpool	11.29	9.0	23.44	9.2
Avonmouth	07.25	12.6	19.39	12.8	Lowestoft	09.31	2.5	22.17	2.4
Belfast	11.18	3.2	23.22	3.5	Margate	00.13	4.6	12.17	4.5
Cardiff	07.11	11.7	19.25	11.8	Milford Haven	06.22	6.6	18.39	6.7
Devonport	05.54	5.3	18.04	5.5	Newquay	05.15	6.5	17.30	6.7
Dover	11.15	6.5	23.36	6.4	Oban	06.03	3.7	18.08	3.9
Dublin (N Wall)	-	-	12.00	3.8	Penzance	04.47	5.2	17.02	5.4
Falmouth	05.25	5.1	17.35	5.3	Portland	06.56	1.8	19.04	1.9
Greenock	00.24	3.3	13.09	3.3	Portsmouth	11.30	4.5	23.40	4.4
Harwich	-	-	12.05	3.8	Shoreham	11.29	5.9	23.44	5.9
Holyhead	10.38	5.2	22.48	5.5	Southampton	11.08	4.5	23.15	4.5
Hull (Albert D)	06.27	8.3	18.54	8.2	Swansea	06.33	9.1	18.51	9.3
Ilfracombe	06.09	8.6	18.24	8.8	Tees	03.42	5.1	16.06	5.0
King's Lynn	06.29	6.4	19.00	6.3	Walton-on-N	11.58	3.9	-	-

All times BST. Heights in metres

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Gravesend, Kent, 24C (75F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Tulloch Bridge, Highland, 0.49in; highest sunshine: Torquay, 7.4hr.

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Brussels gives backing to system of tied pubs

Sir Michael Angus: benefits

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission yesterday gave its blessing to Britain's system of tied pubs, ruling that Whitbread was entitled to charge its tenants more than the standard price for its beer because it provided them with other benefits.

Although the Commission's provisional decision affects only Whitbread, Britain's third-biggest brewer, it called it "an important signal for the numerous litigation cases in the UK involving tenants and lessees who argue that their lease infringes EC competition law".

Lessees of brewery-owned pubs have long been arguing that the higher rates they are charged for beer, compared with prices for free house owners, amount to a breach of the Treaty of Rome. However, the Commission said it had concluded that tenants of Whitbread, whose executive chairman is Sir Michael Angus, "benefit from lower rents, professional assistance, capital investment and bulk purchasing rebates that are not readily available to these free traders and compensate more or less for the price differential".

It went on: "In those circumstances, the Commission considers that the tied lessees can compete on a level-playing field with their 'free-trading' competitors, and that an exemption consequently seems acceptable." Whitbread operates 2,130 "tenanted" pubs out of 5,000. "Our finding in the case of Whitbread is just the first to emerge," said a Commission official in Brussels. "We have found that although lessees tied to Whitbread are bound by certain rules governing their pub leases, other aspects more than compensate. If we find in the case of other breweries that there is sufficient compensation for higher beer prices, then it follows that we will clear them as well."

Tenants and other interested parties have a month to give their views before the Commission gives its final ruling. Officials pointed out that the Commission was not aiming to apply the same scrutiny to leases on pubs owned by small and regional breweries because the smaller scale meant that these fall outside the scope of EU competition law.

The Campaign for Real Ale welcomed this, saying: "Maintaining ties for medium and small-sized breweries is the only possible way for them to compete in the market."

The Commission is assessing the lease arrangements of other big brewers, including Scottish & Newcastle and Bass. In addition, it is looking at pub estates run by Inntrepreneur Pub Company and Allied Domecq Retailing.

Last week Nomura, the Japanese investment bank, acquired Inntrepreneur and Spring Inns from Grand Metropolitan and Foster's Brewing Group for £1.2 billion. The acquisitions added 4,300 pubs to Nomura's existing 1,100-strong Phoenix Inns chain. Inntrepreneur, set up in 1991, has been embroiled in litigation with licensees because of the company's decision to introduce 20-year leases at much higher rents while charging tenants above market rate for their beer.

BUSINESS TODAY

FTSE 100	5220.3	(-6.0)
Yield	3.19%	
FTSE All share	2444.60	(-1.26)
Nikkei	17987.21	(-7.50)
New York		
Dow Jones	7938.88	(+16.70)*
S&P Composite	947.38	(+2.16)*
Federal Funds	5$\frac{9}{16}$%*	(5$\frac{7}{16}$%)
Long Bond	99$\frac{17}{32}$*	(100[illegible])
Yield	6.39%*	(6.37%)
3-mth Interbank	7$\frac{1}{4}$%	(7$\frac{1}{4}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	119$\frac{1}{8}$	(119$\frac{9}{16}$)
STERLING		
New York		
$	1.6143*	(1.6092)
London:		
$	1.6165	(1.6058)
DM	2.8429	(2.8337)
FFr	9.5491	(9.5099)
SFr	2.3473	(2.3389)
Yen	195.55	(194.41)
£ Index	100.2	(99.7)
DOLLAR		
London:		
DM	1.7590*	(1.7590)
FFr	5.9075*	(5.9055)
SFr	1.4505*	(1.4510)
Yen	120.95*	(121.20)
$ Index	105.1	(103.50)
Tokyo close Yen 121.20		
Brent 15-day (Dec)	$19.60	($19.60)
London close	$327.25	($327.25)

* denotes midday trading price

Millions made on gilts before EMU report

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR

CITY firms earned millions of pounds in profits in an unusually heavy bout of trading in gilt futures on the day before Friday morning's report that the Cabinet was adopting a more positive stance on membership of a single currency.

Several investment banks were reported to have been heavy buyers of gilt futures in the trading pit at Liffe, the London International Financial Futures Exchange, on Thursday afternoon. Goldman Sachs was the name which featured most in City gossip.

The sterling gilt future had been gently sliding during the Thursday afternoon session but then repeated, heavy buy orders came in, pushing the contract's price up by a full point by the end of trading.

The price climbed further on Friday in response to a report in the *Financial Times*, denied by the Treasury, that the Government was on the point of adopting a much more positive approach to economic and monetary union. The report started a dramatic sell-off in sterling, a rally in the gilt market and a surge in the stock market.

As early as Wednesday, a perception was emerging that the Government was inching towards a more positive EMU policy. Tony Blair held a breakfast meeting with business leaders and was reported to have been distinctly warmer in his tone on EMU. But it was the FT story, subsequently denied by both Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, and Robin Cook, Foreign Secretary, which set the markets alight.

It is widely assumed that the suggestion of a shift in government EMU policy was leaked to the FT by close aides of Mr Brown. They figured heavily in last night's Scottish Television documentary on the election campaign, among them Sue Nye, head of Mr Brown's private office.

She is married to Gavyn Davies, chief economist at Goldman Sachs. The investment bank has often found itself under unusual scrutiny from City gossips because of the close ties Mr Davies has with the Government. Goldman Sachs is highly sensitive to Mr Davies's connections and he operates within strictly enforced Chinese walls.

Liffe trading surged

Liffe confirmed that Thursday was an unusually busy day in the gilts futures pit with 116,592 contracts traded compared with a daily average in August of 75,000 contracts. Friday was even busier with 193,343 traded.

Traders in the pit estimated that Goldman Sachs may have bought between 12,000 and 15,000 lots, worth between £600 million and £700 million. They calculated that, if 15,000 lots had been bought at Thursday's lowest levels and sold at Friday's peaks, the profit would have been more than £11 million.

Goldman Sachs yesterday declined to comment. However, economists at the bank have been arguing for some time that the spread between gilt futures and German bund futures would narrow and it appears that its activity on Thursday was the kind of convergence play that it had been recommending to its clients.

Their futures traders have a reputation for making very large bets in the futures markets but the sheer size of its orders on Thursday was a talking point on the floor of Liffe. One trader said: "The timing, just before the FT report, was breathtaking. They must be brilliant."

Paper millionaires: John Pfeil, left, Newsquest's finance director, and Jim Brown

Publisher promises further savings

BY RAY SNODDY MEDIA EDITOR

NEWSQUEST, the regional newspaper group, is promising significant savings still to come at Westminster Press (WP), the group acquired from Pearson last year.

Jim Brown, chairman of Newsquest, said WP, bought for £298 million, had been "a great buy for us". Yesterday Newsquest published its prospectus for a Stock Exchange flotation designed to raise £100 million. The indicative price range of 250p to 290p a share values Newsquest at £540 million at the mid-point.

The company has 173 paid-for and free titles. It is the largest publisher of free newspapers in the UK, with a total distribution and circulation of 5.2 million copies per issue.

Mr Brown said Newsquest had to act urgently to tackle the problems of WP. "We had to address the circulation problem and fix it damned quickly too," he said, adding that margins at WP will soon be higher than in the rest of the group.

Pro forma figures for the year to December 1997 show operating profit of £67.3 million on turnover of £277.1 million. The figures take account of the planned disposal of Wessex Newspapers and the costs of the offer.

Mr Brown is one of six top managers who will become paper millionaires next month if the float goes ahead on schedule. The six will hold 4 to 5 per cent of the company. KKR and Cinven will reduce their stakes to 43 per cent and 15 per cent respectively. New shareholders will have about 37 per cent.

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Spending boom is poised to continue

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

CONSUMER credit surged again in August, raising fears that the high street spending boom will last well into the autumn. The latest monetary statistics also pointed to strong spending growth, while house prices continue to rise sharply.

Net consumer credit rose £1.03 billion in August compared with £501 million in July but at a similar level to August 1996. M0, the measure of narrow money supply, accelerated from an annual rate of 5 per cent in August to 6.1 per cent in September — the fastest rate of increase since May.

Adam Cole, UK economist at James Capel, said the data was consistent with the view that rates would rise further "as the strength of consumer spending in the second half of the year becomes apparent".

But Simon Briscoe, director of research at Nikko Europe, put some of the consumer credit growth down to the exceptional August car sales and pointed to a decline in the quarterly consumer credit growth rates.

The latest Nationwide house price survey showed prices rising 1.7 per cent between August and September. They are now 12.9 per cent higher than last year. But Nationwide said the strength of the rise could be misleading and the main cause of the rise is the continuing shortage of property.

Separate Bank of England data for August showed gross mortgage lending slipping from £6.91 billion in July to £6.52 billion; net lending fell from £2.29 billion to £2.12 billion.

Asda at odds with Safeway

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

DIVISIONS between Safeway and Asda over how their £9 billion merger would have worked if it had not been aborted emerged yesterday with sources at Asda claiming the deal would have given their company the upper hand.

Asda said all stores would have traded under the Asda name, with the headquarters for the business at its base in Leeds. It would also have been run by Allan Leighton, Asda chief executive. Archie Norman, chairman of Asda, and David Webster, chairman of Safeway, would have acted as joint chairmen of the group and Colin Smith, chief executive of Safeway, would have been either deputy chairman or group finance director.

Safeway dismissed this, saying that none of the issues had been discussed and that, presented this way, the deal "would be a takeover without a premium".

Left on the shelf..........Page 29

Asda said it intended to go it alone as the deal was now "dead", because of the increased risk of a lengthy Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry. Safeway said it was disappointed not to have been able to take the merger forward, considering it a "good idea".

Safeway insisted that it was not a takeover target and denied rumours of talks with Marks & Spencer or any other potential buyer. Its shares rose 9½p to 405½p with analysts saying it was a bid target. It is understood that Safeway is looking at potential acquisitions. Meanwhile, shares in Wm Morrison, the supermarket group, rose 12p to 210p on bid speculation.

Midland fined £150,000

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

MIDLAND BANK has been fined £150,000 by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro), the investment regulator, over pensions mis-selling.

The high street bank, which must also pay costs of £70,708, wrongly advised some customers to leave their company pension scheme and take out a personal pension.

Tony Ashford, Midland deputy managing director, said: "We are disappointed about the fine. We stopped doing transfer business in 1993. With hindsight we should have gone into more detail about the clients' circumstances."

Midland estimates that it will cost about £45 million to compensate customers it has mis-sold a personal pension. The bank said it had already completed three-quarters of its review of pension transfer cases and offered compensation to 865 of its 1,130 "priority" customers.

The fine marks the end of a complete review by Imro of the pensions transfer business. Six Imro-regulated firms have been fined a total of £880,000. The biggest fines have been levied against Lloyds Bank, at £325,000, and Godwins, at £200,000. The review aimed to find companies that had encouraged employees to transfer erroneously out of their company schemes in to personal pensions.

The end of Imro's review comes as the Personal Investment Authority, the retail regulator, steps up pressure on companies that are being slow to sort out their pensions compensation cases.

It has already fined three companies over their progress and is poised to fine at least a further five. Those that have been fined by Imro will not escape a further fine from the PIA.

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Leicester City plans £24m float

Leicester City yesterday became the latest Premiership football club to announce a stock market flotation, with a deal that will value it at about £24 million.

The club will reverse into Soccer Investments, the shell company floated this year for the purpose of taking over a Premiership club. It will offer 31.38 shares for each Leicester share, valued at 110p. SI will also put £11 million into the club to buy players, increase its stadium capacity and improve commercial operations.

The deal follows the recent flotations of Nottingham Forest, Chelsea Village and Newcastle United.

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Albany sold

Albany Life, one of the pension companies named and shamed by Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, has been bought from its parent, MetLife, by Canada Life Assurance Company of Toronto. Albany Life, based in Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, has 230,000 policyholders in the UK and generated a total new business premium income of £49 million last year. The sale to Canada Life, a mutual, requires regulatory approval. The deal's value was not disclosed.

Capital deal

Capital Radio, the UK's largest commercial radio group, has sold its 12.9 per cent stake in GWR, the rival commercial radio group, for £23.9 million. Capital, which is currently waiting for the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to approve its acquisition of Virgin Radio, took 14 million shares in GWR when it sold Mercia Sound, Leicester Sound and Radio Trent to the company in 1993. Capital yesterday said that its decision to sell the stake was part of its strategy to focus entirely on wholly-owned radio businesses.

Bearish stock bets fuel $300m loss for Salomon divisions

From Oliver August
in New York

SALOMON BROTHERS is believed to have incurred losses of $300 million (£180 million) in its global investment banking and equities divisions for the year ending today. Wall Street analysts say the losses helped to push Salomon into last week's $9 billion merger with Travelers Group.

Arbitrage traders are said to have lost $100 million by betting the bank's own money on the merger of British Telecom and MCI earlier this year. A further $100 million was lost in derivatives trading. These losses apparently stem from bearish stock bets in the US and Europe. Global investment banking is also said to have lost $100 million after large-scale expansion of overseas operations.

A Salomon spokesman said overseas operations were profitable but declined to comment further. Salomon as a whole will be profitable but full-year pre-tax profits are expected to be below analysts' forecasts of $166 million.

Travelers Group, a financial service and insurance company, said it was familiar with Salomon's financial position and the friendly takeover was on course to be completed by the end of this year.

A spokeswoman said: "We know they are investing internationally and they are stronger in fixed income than in equities. That's why the transaction is such a wonderful fit."

While Salomon employees will make huge profits on their shareholdings as a result of the takeover, their pay will suffer after the drop in profits. Bonuses, which make up the largest chunk of annual incomes, will be set in coming weeks.

It has also emerged that Deryck Maughan, Salomon chief executive, is set for a sharp drop in his $10 million pay package. Mr Maughan, who initiated the Travelers deal, is on a profit-sensitive pay scheme. While he received $10 million last year, the previous two years he received no bonus at all because specific criteria had not been met.

His contract states that Salomon has to top 15 per cent return on equity over the year to be eligible for a bonus. So far this year, Salomon has hovered around 15 per cent.

In a further provision, Salomon also has to at least match the performance of five rival banks. Their return on equity has been around 20 per cent this year, putting Mr Maughan's bonus further into question.

Accounts of the losses have confirmed Wall Street opinions on which side got the better deal in the takeover. On the day of the announcement, analysts were surprised that Sandford Weill, the Travelers chief executive known for shrewd dealmaking, had paid $81 per share when they stood at $50 ahead of bid rumours. The price looks even more favourable to Salomon now.

Total faces US retaliation over Iran deal

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

TOTAL, the French oil company, faces retaliation from America after signing a $2 billion deal with Iran in defiance of the 1996 Iran-Libya Sanctions Act which requires the American President to penalise investment in either country.

The French Government warned the US not to attempt to apply the law, after Total and Gazprom of Russia and Petronas of Malaysia, its consortium partners, agreed a contract to expand the vast Iranian South Pars offshore gasfield.

"Our position on any investment in Iranian gas and oilfields is clear: such investments make more resources available for Iran to use in supporting terrorism and pursuing missiles and nuclear weapons," a US state department spokesman said, adding that "appropriate action would be taken".

But France said that "the application of the provisions of this law would constitute a serious precedent in international trade."

One international diplomat in Tehran described the deal as "a tremendous psychological boost for Iran".

Alfonse d'Amato, US senator and the main author of the sanctions law, said last month that if the deal went ahead he would insist President Clinton punish Total by imposing the harshest retaliation — a ban on the company's sales in the US.

Total insisted the contract was in accordance with French law and UN regulations, and that it did not believe Total's US assets would be affected.

An official of the state-owned National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) in Tehran said: "It is a very important turning point for us."

"I think it shows that the EU countries and particularly the French are not taking the US foreign policy initiative in terms of the trade relationship with Iran seriously and they know the Iran-Libya Sanctions Act is not a realistic measure."

The European Commission said the clash illustrated the urgent need for Washington to come to an agreement with Europe over US trade laws.

PETER TRIEVNOR

Ron Zeghibe, chief executive of the media agency Maiden Group, raised first-half pre-tax profits by 68 per cent to £4.8 million. The dividend is 2.0p.

Challenge to Ivory fund's directors

By Paul Durman

COLIN McLEAN, the fund manager whose Scottish Value Trust preys on underperforming investment trusts, is adding to the woes of Ivory & Sime by trying to unseat the directors of the Edinburgh firm's £80 million venture capital fund.

Mr McLean is concerned that Ivory & Sime Enterprise Capital is still making new investments only three years before it is due to be wound up. These have included the latest tranche of Enterprise's £178,000 investment in Ivory & Sime Trustlink, Ivory's loss-making marketing arm.

Scottish Value is using its 27.4 per cent stake in Enterprise to requisition a shareholder meeting to remove Gavin Reed, the trust's chairman, and his fellow directors Michael Brooke and William Thomson. Scottish Value's nominees as replacements include Peter Dicks, formerly of the Abingworth venture capital firm, and James Hambro, of J O Hambro.

Mr McLean said that he was seeking not to take over management of Enterprise, but to maximise value for shareholders. He said: "There's a long lead-in time for venture capital funds. The shareholders and the board should consider whether they want to carry on making investments now which are not going to come to fruition until after 2000."

In response to past pressure from Scottish Value, Enterprise Capital was already reviewing its future, and intended to make proposals in December. Andy Steel, Enterprise's manager, said: "The board have been acting in good faith and in the best interests of all shareholders." He admitted that Enterprise had made two investments, totalling about £4 million, since a meeting with Mr McLean in July, but said that these had already been in train.

Enterprise shares closed 2p up at 149½p.

ITN to expand into Europe

By Raymond Snoddy, media editor

INDEPENDENT Television News, the broadcaster, has signed heads of agreement to take a major stake plus managerial control in Euronews, the European television news channel.

Under the deal ITN will buy the 49 per cent stake in the cable and satellite venture now held by Alcatel, the French electronics group, and run the channel in future. Stuart Purvis, chief executive of ITN, is optimistic that agreement can be reached before October 31, although a deal unltimately depends on the ITN board approving a Euronews business plan now being drawn up. If ITN takes control of the channel it will be the UK news organisation's biggest international expansion. It will also mean ITN competing across Europe for the 24-hour news audience with Cable News Network, the BBC and SKY News.

Euronews, based in Lyons, has been available in cable and satellite homes across Europe but its position has been weak and it has survived a number of funding crises. Apart from Alcatel its main shareholders include TVE of Spain, RAI of Italy, France Television and the Swiss national broadcaster.

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Saudi billionaire invests $20m in New York label

Donna Karan's princely cut

By Jon Ashworth

DONNA KARAN NEW YORK (DKNY) has become the latest high-profile name to catch the eye of Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal, the billionaire Saudi investor who bailed out Euro Disney.

He is paying more than $20 million for a 7 per cent stake in DKNY, including 1 per cent for the benefit of Princess Reem, his daughter. It is the first time that a member of the prince's family has been publicly associated with his deal-making.

In a statement, Prince al-Waleed said he had been monitoring the company's performance for some time and was "very pleased" with the DKNY range of products. He considers DKNY a fast-growing label. His investment links him obliquely with Christina Ong, wife of Ong Beng Seng, the billionaire Singapore entrepreneur, who distributes DKNY in the UK, the Far East and Australasia.

Prince al-Waleed made his first move into retailing in 1993, when he paid $100 million for a 10 per cent stake in Saks Fifth Avenue. His investment portfolio spans Citicorp, Euro Disney, Canary Wharf, Mediaset, TWA, Planet Hollywood, Apple Computer, Cordiant, and Norwegian Cruise Line.

He holds stakes in the Four Seasons and Fairmont hotel chains, and has interests in the George V in Paris, the Plaza in New York, the Copley Plaza in Boston, and a number of luxury hotels in the Middle East. *Forbes* magazine estimates the value of his investments at $11 billion.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

New deal simplifies European mergers

COMPANIES pursuing cross-border European mergers stand to save millions in management time and fees as a result of a landmark deal between competition authorities in the UK, France and Germany. A Europe-wide streamlining of the rules could follow the move by the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) and its French and German counterparts, which turns on the introduction of a common form accepted by all three bodies for mergers that have to be examined in more than one of these countries.

Previously, if a merger was subject to control in several countries, enterprises had to submit different information to the national competition authorities. To reduce this burden, businesses can now submit the same information in all three countries by filling in a two-page form. Companies will be told within a month if further examination is required. Legal experts said companies stood to make considerable savings in management time and fees. The OFT said that the initiative was thought to be the first of its kind between European competition authorities. It hoped that the move would have a knock-on effect throughout the EC.

Oasis in need of Spice

OASIS said yesterday that sales of its autumn ranges have failed to take off in recent weeks because they lack the wild Spice Girls-style items that are selling fast elsewhere. The clothes retailer blamed the warm autumn weather and the aftermath of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, for poor sales, which were flat in the first eight weeks of the second half. Pre-tax profit in the first half was £3.68 million (£5.18 million). The interim dividend is 2.4p (2.1p), payable on November 7.

Unit trust sales slip

UNIT TRUST sales slipped in August, as investors grew nervous about falls in share prices in some world markets. Institutional investors, in particular, steered clear of unit trusts, buying £57 million worth in the month, the lowest level for 18 months. Total sales were £349 million, down from £545 million in July. The Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds attributed the fall in sales to the declines in markets such as Japan.

Westminster confident

WESTMINSTER HEALTHCARE shares rose 10p to 293½p after John Lockhart, the chairman, told the annual meeting that there are signs the sector's volume difficulties are easing. However, he added: "Pricing remains a factor and clearly, without a realistic pricing policy, there will be reluctance to undertake any new development of nursing homes... we are encouraged by the start that has been made in the new financial year and look forward to the future with confidence."

Care First resignation

CHAI PATEL, the former chief executive of Care First, the embattled nursing homes group, yesterday resigned as a director from the board. The move came after his resignation as chief executive last month after a personal battle with Keith Bradshaw, the company's chairman. Dr Patel had hoped to gather enough support from shareholders to be reinstated as chief executive, which would have forced Mr Bradshaw to resign, but he abandoned the fight last week.

NatWest's second Rose

NATWEST BANK is to repackage loans worth $5 billion (£3 billion) into bonds. The securitisation deal will be launched in the name of Rose (Repeat Offering Securitisation Entity) Funding No 2, a special purpose vehicle established by NatWest Markets to issue dollar and sterling denominated floating-rate notes in the Eurobond market. A year ago NatWest first went public with its plans for Rose Funding No 1, a $5 billion transaction in 11 tranches of floating-rate notes.

Capital and Regional up

CAPITAL AND REGIONAL PROPERTIES raised pre-tax profits from £2.5 million to £3.5 million in the six months to June 24. Earnings rose from 5p to 5.9p out of which an unchanged half-year dividend of 1p will be paid. Rental income rose from £7.9 million to £11.4 million. The group recently acquired five shopping centres for £147 million, increasing its portfolio to nine. Retail now accounts for 90 per cent of the group's portfolio. The shares rose 2½p to 255p.

Ricardo holds payout

RICARDO GROUP, the automotive engineering company, is holding the total dividend at 6.3p a share after incurring a pre-tax loss of £13.95 million in the year to June 30, compared with profits of £4.7 million. Losses were 33p a share, against earnings of 5.9p last time. The final dividend of 4.3p is due on November 28. The loss followed a £19.7 million charge against a disposal, restructuring in America and a property writedown. Trading profits were £5.7 million (£5.6 million).

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells		Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.35	2.17	Malta	0.662	0.603
Austria Sch	21.00	19.34	Netherlds Gld	3.392	3.097
Belgium Fr	61.84	56.88	New Zealand $	2.69	2.45
Canada $	2.363	2.175	Norway Kr	12.10	11.16
Cyprus Cyp£	0.885	0.813	Portugal Esc	302.03	280.00
Denmark Kr	11.41	10.52	S Africa Rd	8.25	7.29
Finland Mkk	9.05	8.30	Spain Pta	251.29	232.50
France Fr	10.01	9.23	Sweden Kr	13.08	11.93
Germany Dm	3.01	2.76	Switzerland Fr	2.50	2.28
Greece Dr	475	436	Turkey Lira	288762	268884
Hong Kong $	13.33	12.13	USA $	1.722	1.579
Iceland	128	108			
Ireland Pt	1.16	1.07			
Israel Shk	5.98	5.33			
Italy Lira	2959	2722			
Japan Yen	210.43	192.90			

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Safeway left on the shelf

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

Rarely do corporate mergers amount to a coming together of equals and in Safeway's acknowledged approach to Asda there is a tacit admission of weakness. Had the two eventually joined forces, it is the brash northerner, Asda, which would have certainly emerged as senior partner. Now, with the relationship over almost before it began, Safeway is left with its vulnerability exposed.

Safeway's problem is in a store portfolio which is not ideally suited to the demands of today's shopper, let alone tomorrow's. Under the guidance of Sir Alistair Grant, now decamped to his Scottish homeland and the chairmanship of the Scottish & Newcastle drinks business, Safeway has held its ground as a major player in a highly competitive market, but its share of that market is likely to come under increasing pilfering by rivals with more winning formats.

That knowledge must have provided the impetus to send Sir Alistair's successor, David Webster, to Leeds in search of support. Although Asda is now keen to play down its enthusiasm for a deal, it seems that the initial approach did generate sufficient interest for the two companies to work together on proposals to put before the Office of Fair Trading.

There is a superficial attraction in putting together the third and fourth players in the sector to mount a real challenge against Sainsbury and the ever more successful Tesco. But gauging the shape of that challenger only serves to highlight the difficulties that Safeway faces.

Profit growth for supermarkets is coming increasingly from adding to the range of goods on offer, with grocers metamorphosing into newsagents, chemists, and, most recently, banks. Asda has professed the aim of making itself the country's second largest retailer for family clothing, acknowledging the impossibility of budging Marks & Spencer from the number one slot but prepared to take on the rest. Becoming a one stop shop needs space, and Asda has it but too many Safeway stores are hangovers from another era. It is unlikely that even half of the Safeway portfolio could have converted to the Asda format. The problem of what to do with the rest would have been tricky for the combined group but, without the merger, the outdatedness of many of its stores is an issue which will make life increasingly difficult for David Webster and his chief executive, Colin Smith.

Their need of a deal is more pressing than that of Asda, which has lined up a useful physical expansion programme. But Asda, too, is keen for a corporate coup. A year ago it looked at the ailing Kwik Save and wisely walked away. Then it showed similar restraint over Welcome Break. Chairman Archie Norman is not quite fully occupied as an MP and deputy chairman of the Tory Party. Some of his thoughts will be focused on how to keep Asda shares, and the value of his options, motoring.

Full employment by any other name

Labour's new commitment to full employment for a new century sent shudders down the backs of employers. An embarrassed CBI said that employing as many people as possible was undoubtedly a good thing, but that it was more vital to maintain conditions for economic growth, namely low inflation and flexible labour markets, than to aim for full employment as "a token in itself".

Significantly, the CBI's own medium-term forecasts envisage unemployment settling at about 1,500,000 into the new century. Its economists expect the economy to grow at its long-term sustainable rate of about 2.25 per cent to 2.5 per cent for the next few years. In that case, extra jobs will be created, net of more cuts in manufacturing and utilities, roughly in line with the growth of available labour.

Business is secretly addicted to having a pool of unemployed. Labour flexibility really means hiring and firing much more regularly, so the recruitment market is more sensitive today than when jobs were for life.

Unless Gordon Brown tears up his new contract with the Bank of England, however, he cannot use a dash for growth to mop up the excess million on the dole queue. At the first sign of inflation, the Bank would yank the interest-rate brake, preserving those wasteful new management habits.

That need not make Mr Brown's commitment an empty one, though it probably is. Structural unemployment still accounts for at least half a million people who have been abandoned in the wrong places or with the wrong skills at the wrong age. Finding jobs for them, with the aid of training, should not be inflationary since they are effectively not in the available labour force.

In the 1950s, when inflation was low but half a million out of work was shocking, young people started work two years later because of National Service. Some modern equivalent, perhaps dubbed "Welfare to Work", could have a similar impact, though the aim is more modest.

The Chancellor can still boost jobs via his role as fixer of taxes. Employment is taxed directly through employers' national insurance contributions. Far more should be employed if NICs were axed and the price of labour permanently cut, unless the laws of supply and demand were miraculously suspended. A higher rate of corporation tax on those who cut jobs than on those who create them would ensure that employers noticed.

Business needs to know

The City has been crying out for the President of the Board of Trade to spell out her view on competition. Yesterday, she stood up in Brighton and declared that it was all about "putting the consumer first".

Sadly, in the real world, the choice is rarely so simple as whether to prefer evil big business over the man in the street. That idea smacks uncomfortably of old labour, as did Mrs Beckett's assertion that: "We will make sure that business cannot stifle competition at the expense of the family budget."

We have yet to learn how this sentiment will be interpreted in cases such as P&O's wish to join forces with Stena on the cross channel ferry route or in Littlewoods bid to takeover the Sears' subsidiary, Freemans. The arguments in both cases are complex and the family budget should surely only be one of the elements to be taken into account. Business needs to know the terms on which monopolies will be defined and whether the new government will be prepared to examine market domination in the context of a European market rather than tightly drawn UK regions. If the aim is to build strong companies which can compete on the international stage, there will come a time at which Mrs Beckett has to be prepared to accept that a hefty share of UK business does not necessarily work against consumers' interests. She did yesterday concede that she did not believe all mergers to be evil, but she was not completely convincing.

T&N tension

FEDERAL-MOGUL'S bid for T&N should have been greeted with whoops of joy by shareholders in the company once better known as Turner & Newall. A promise of at least 235p cash per share, more than 40 per cent up on the recent trading level, has been greeted by mutterings that nothing less than 280p will do. Major shareholders PDFM and M&G may need to grab any chance of improving performance but should not be too greedy.

BG plan will return £1.3bn to investors

By Adam Jones

BG, the demerged pipeline and exploration arm of British Gas, yesterday released details of its share buyback, which could return £1.3 billion to shareholders.

The buyback, announced in principle earlier this month, will reduce BG's market capitalisation by 11.8 per cent. It is designed to reduce the cost of capital as the company moves to meet price cuts demanded by the gas regulator. Fees associated with the buyback will total £15 million.

Shareholders will be given 15 new ordinary shares for every 17 that they own. They will also receive 17 "B" shares, worth 30p each, plus a cash sum reflecting any fractional entitlements.

Shareholders will have the option of selling the "B" shares back to BG without commission or dealing expenses, through the brokers, Hoare Govett or Cazenove.

For each 100 ordinary shares held, a shareholder who chooses to sell would have £30 returned. Their 88 new ordinary shares will represent the same proportionate interest in the equity of BG as their current holding, barring minor adjustments. It is estimated that 80 to 90 per cent of BG's 1.4 million shareholders will choose to sell in this way. To do so, they must register their intention with BG, on forms sent to them by the company, by October 31.

BG has applied to have the "B" shares listed on the London Stock Exchange. Dealings are expected to begin on November 3. Those who decide to keep them will receive a dividend set at 75 per cent of the 12-month LIBOR, the inter-bank borrowing rate. They will have limited voting rights.

The plan requires the approval of an extraordinary general meeting, wghich has been called for October 27.

The buyback enables BG to increase its gearing, raising money at a more competitive rate, and accompanies a reduction in the dividend, almost by half.

Robinson buyout incurs loss

By George Sivell

HOGG ROBINSON, the business support services group, has sold its transport division for up to £23 million to its management, but has incurred an exceptional loss of £12.3 million in the process.

Clive Holmes, managing director of Hogg Robinson Transport, led the buyout. The transport division made £3 million on sales of £121 million in the year to March.

The disposal was not enough to satisfy UK Active Value, the four per cent shareholder that has lobbied the Hogg Robinson board. The board said that the sale proceeds will be used to grow the international business travel and British financial services operations.

UK Active Value, however, believes that financial services should be sold as well and that Hogg Robinson should launch a £25 million to £30 million share buyback.

Shares in Hogg Robinson rose 12½p to 237½p.

Close lifts its profits past £55m

By Jon Ashworth

CLOSE BROTHERS, the merchant bank that owns Winterflood Securities, the smaller companies market-maker, has lifted its profits for the 22nd consecutive year.

Solid performance in its main activities — asset finance, market-making and merchant banking — saw pre-tax profits rise 23 per cent, to £55.4 million, in the year to July 31. Earnings per share were 29.8p (24.8p). A final dividend of 8.2p (6.8p) makes 12p (10p). Fee income from corporate advisory work and investment management rose to £39.7 million (£22.9 million), contributing to a more balanced split of revenues. Net fees now contribute 24 per cent of operating profits before central costs, against 20 per cent last time.

Winterflood and Dresdner Kleinwort Benson have launched a joint venture offering a combined automatic execution service covering most UK stocks.

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Contract failure hits results at McKechnie

THE £4 million cost of abandoning a disastrous US contract held back full year profits at McKechnie, the plastic components manufacturer (Adam Jones writes).

McKechnie warned investors of the charge, classed as an exceptional item in the results, in March. It was incurred after a process for painting plastic mouldings failed to work adequately.

The charge meant pre-tax profits only grew from £50.3 million to £51.6 million in the year to July 31, despite the acquisition of Dzus Fasteners for £15.6 million last August. Operating profits were £55.3 million (£53.2 million), swelled by a better-than-expected £3.3 million maiden contribution from Dzus. The overall consumer products division saw profits nearly halve due to restructuring in New Zealand and a flat market in Australia.

A final dividend of 13p (12p), making a total of 19.5p (18p) for the year, will be paid on January 2, 1998, as a foreign income dividend. The shares rose 2½p to 502½p yesterday.

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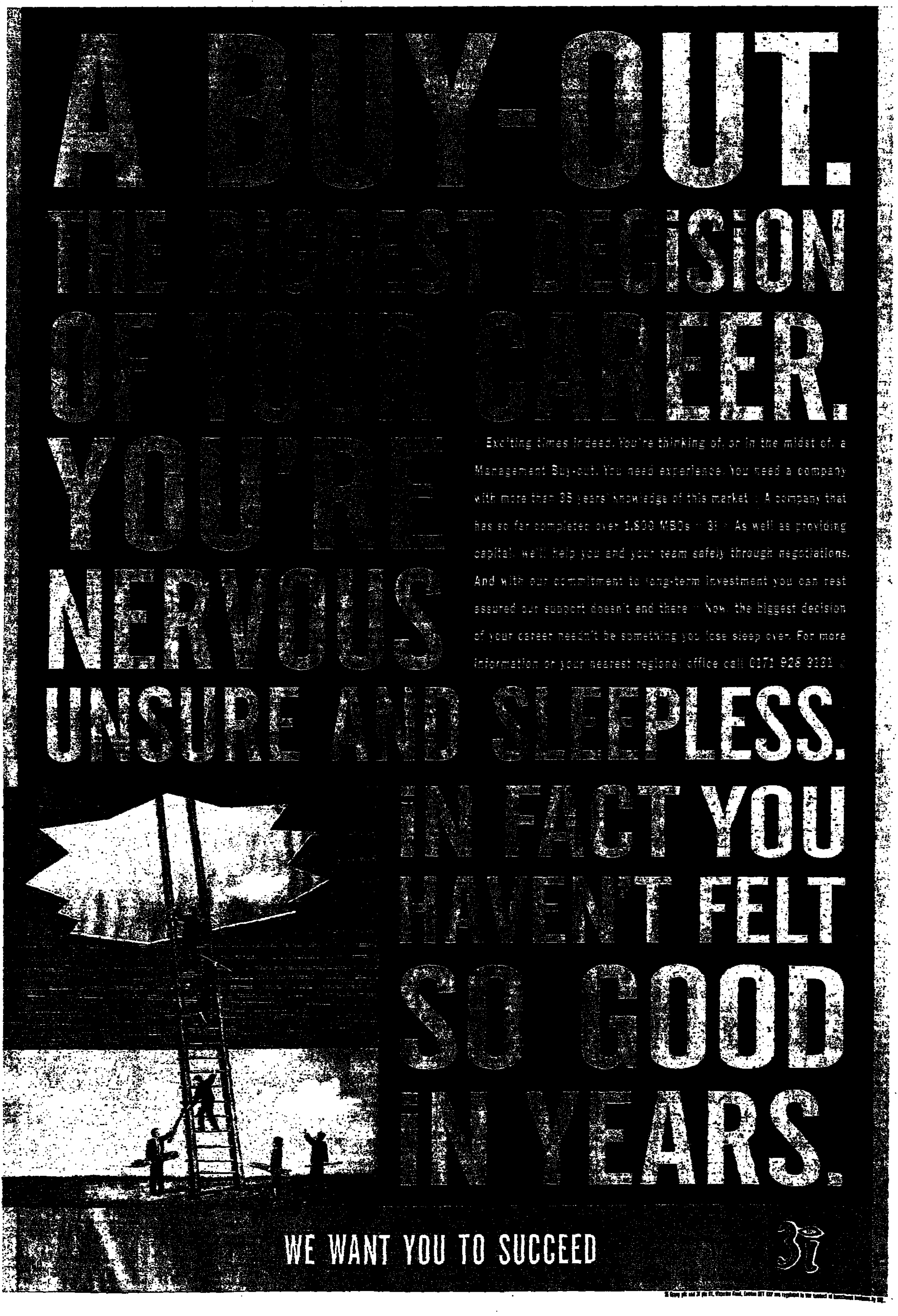

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Ladbroke leads as hopes rise for Hilton alliance

Michael Bennett, of Oasis Stores, down 19½p on poor sales

LADBROKE, the hotels to betting group, touched a record high as its shares jumped 10p to 276½p, making it one of the best performers among FTSE 100 stocks.

Analysts said the rise reflected hopes of benefits from Ladbroke's marketing alliance with Hilton Hotels Corporation, *in particular if the US* group is successful in its takeover for ITT Corporation.

Hilton Hotels faced ITT Corporation across a Nevada courtroom yesterday, *taking* issue with ITT's moves to block its advances. There was also some talk of Hilton's interest in a stake in Ladbroke.

After Friday's excitement, shares enjoyed a more subdued day's trading. Despite some profit-taking, they broadly held their nerve.

With talk of closer moves to Europe, some analysts have upgraded their forecasts for the market. Equity strategists at BZW, for example, are now looking for a level of 6,000 by the end of 1998.

Tony Blair and EMU edged slightly out of the spotlight as the main attraction, while the City digested a clutch of economic data including higher consumer credit figures and rises in the Nationwide's house price index.

After see-sawing in early trade the FTSE 100 lacked further upward momentum, *and ended off just six at* 5,220.3 on volume of 811.6 million shares.

Sterling's weaker trend together with anticipated benefits if the UK signs up for monetary union, helped to drive exporters higher.

Key beneficiaries included **Smiths Industries**, up 25½p to 928½p, **British Aeropsace**, up 27½p to £16.48½ and **GKN**, up 22p to £14.40½. **TI** was also up, rising 13½p to 677½p, although less exposed to sterling fluctuations.

Utilities offering attractive yields were also snapped up. With results due from the *water and electricity groups*, **Scottish Power** led the way after announcing the sale of Southern Water, a subsidiary. It rose over 4 per cent with a 19p jump to 471p. **Severn Trent** ended 16p higher at 921p, while **United Utilities** added 13½p to 764p.

The Bank of Scotland stood out amongst a sector generally in retreat on profit-taking after Friday's strong rise. Ahead of interim figures tomorrow, Bank of Scotland shares *moved 20p higher at one point* before drifting back to close at 528½p, up 10p and a new high.

The **Woolwich** closed 6½p lower at 313½p while **Northern Rock**, quoted at 420p-430p on the grey market, confirmed plans for an auction of 43 per cent of issued shares today.

Among FTSE 100 losers, **Reed International** was the most prominent casualty as *analysts estimated the possible* hit to pre-tax profits after the discovery of errors last week. Reed fell 29½p to 507p, down over 5 per cent.

Traders checked out the supermarkets in the wake of the abortive **Asda-Safeway** merger talks. Asda fell back 5p to 159p, while **Tesco** was 16p weaker at 472½p and **Sainsbury** down 8p at 459p.

Safeway put on 9½p to 405½, *while among smaller* groups **Wm Morrison Supermarkets** was lifted 12p higher to 210p. **Somerfield** put on 2p to 200½p.

T&N, the automotive products group, facing a bid from Federal-Mogul, rose a further 11p to 253½p, on talk of a higher offer.

Break-up speculation fired shares in **Hambros**, the merchant bank, 15½p higher to 242½p while **Close Brothers** *ended 2p higher at* 482½p after year-end figures marked its twenty-second year of unbroken profits growth.

Insurers were again strong, *helped by current gilt valuations*. **Commercial Union** stood out with a 32p jump to 818½p, while **General Accident** rose 17½p to £10.97½.

Oasis Stores, where Michael Bennett is chairman and chief executive, fell back 19½p to 245p after reporting a drop in first-half profits and a decline in current like-for-like sales. Other retailers felt the chill, with **Next** down 19½p to 736p. Despite Oasis's profits slide, some analysts remain long-term buyers of the stock, which they say looks inexpensive. **Storehouse** jumped 7p to 250½p with whispers of bid interest resurfacing.

Among other retailers **W H Smith** dipped 5½p lower to 365p in reaction to Tesco's plans to cut magazine prices.

Hogg Robinson jumped 12½p to 237½p after the £23 million sale of its transport division.

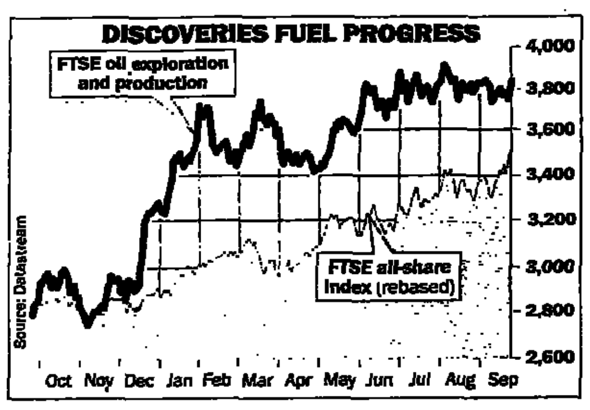
News of expansion into the *US helped* ***Flying Flowers*** 8½p higher to 379½p.

AIM-quoted **Electrophoretics** put on 3½p to 45p after recent comment, while **Science Systems**, which floated last week, jumped 2p to 152½p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: The market was more settled after last Friday's strong rises. The December series of the long gilt closed down 14 ticks at £119 4/32 on a volume of 88,000 contracts traded.

At the long end Treasury 8 per cent 2015 eased back £13/32 at £114 25/32, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was off £6/32 at £103 19/32.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Blue chips recovered from morning losses to move higher, with no major fresh news influencing the modest recovery. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was ahead by 16.70 points at 7,938.88.



OIL exploration groups attracted interest in early trading, helped by firmer crude oil prices.

The strongest rise was seen in Enterprise Oil, up 12p to 676½p, while Lasmo *rose before sliding back to* close at 271p, off 5p.

Other notable changes included Dragon Oil, up 8p to 76½p, with JKX Oil & Gas rising 7p to 56p, after the offer from Ramco lapsed.

Monument Oil & Gas was up just ½p to 83½p after the appointment of a new exploration director.

Sector prices have, over the past year, been buoyed by the flow of drilling news, though Jonathan Wright, an analyst with Merrill Lynch, says the trend has been lacklustre recently.

He remains postive on *the sector in the long term*, given the success of UK companies in the Far East and newer areas such as India.

Lasmo and Enterprise are significant players, but smaller companies are catching up as the quality of management improves.

Mr Wright is a buyer of Cairn Energy, which dipped 8p to 497p, and Lasmo.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	7938.88 (+16.70)
S&P Composite	947.38 (+2.16)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	17987.21 (-7.50)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	14864.37 (+153.50)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	904.95 (-0.90)
Sydney:	
AO	2774.6 (-1.0)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	4104.27 (+23.49)
Singapore:	
Straits	1934.75 (+11.90)
Brussels:	
General	13652.71 (-10.56)
Paris:	
CAC-40	2988.96 (+3.33)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	n/a
London:	
FT 30	3363.5 (-10.7)
FTSE 100	5220.3 (-6.0)
FTSE 250	4816.1 (+7.0)
FTSE 350	2505.6 (-1.6)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	2686.87 (+8.63)
FTSE All-Share	2444.60 (-1.26)
FTSE Non Financials	2439.47 (-2.17)
FTSE Fixed Interest	130.39 (-0.43)
FTSE Govt Secs	99.95 (-0.33)
Bargains	62479
SEAQ Volume	811.6m
US$	1.6168 (+0.0115)
German Mark	2.8438 (+0.0114)
Exchange Index	100.2 (+0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.4483
£:SDR	1.1755
RPI	158.5 Aug (3.5%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	157.1 Aug (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Aggreko	164½	...	
Antofgsta Cv Uts	407½	+	1½
Aram Resources	102	-	1
Bristol & West Prf	116¼	-	¼
Cammell Laird	154½	+	4
Computerland UK	146½	-	1
EMI B	120	-	4½
GR Holdings	52½	...	
Helicon Pubslg	92½	...	
I S Solutions	135½	...	
Kingfisher Leisure	185	...	
Reabourne Merlin	105	...	
SBS Group	114½	+	2
Science Systems	152½	+	2
Severn Trent B	34	-	2
Stentor Warrants	43½	...	
Thorn B	20	-	½
Viglen Technology	60	+	2½

RIGHTS ISSUES

Gearhouse n/p (250)	93½	+	1
John Lusty n/p (8)	1	-	¼
Langdons Foods n/p (1)	½	...	

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Lorien	315p (+15p)
Norbain	299p (+13p)
T & N	253½p (+11p)
Ranger	574p (+23½p)
Com Union	818½p (+32p)
Ladbroke	276½p (+10p)
Redland	231p (+8p)
Kelsey Ind	430p (+10p)
Capital Radio	481p (+13½p)
Utd Assurance	506½p (+11p)
West Hlthcare	293½p (+10p)
Avon Rubber	640p (+20p)
Man Utd	681p (+19½p)
FALLS:	
Boosey Hwks	825p (-50p)
Reed Intl	507p (-29½p)
UNO	285p (-10p)
Tesco	472½p (-16p)
Cable Wireless	525p (-15p)
Next	736p (-19½p)
Railtrack	891p (-22½p)
Stand Chart	860p (-21p)
Nat West	928p (-16p)

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TEMPUS

Close to the top

THE rise and rise of Close Brothers continues unabated. Last year's addition of the Hill Samuel corporate finance team and another record year from Winterflood Securities helped to lift pre-tax profits by 23 per cent to £55.4 million, making it 22 years of unbroken growth — a remarkable record for a *financial* business. Close has quadrupled its investors' money over the past five years.

Although the group has long outgrown the "*mini merchant bank*" tag, it remains a collection of niche businesses. Whether Close is financing the purchase of German printing equipment, running venture capital trusts, or making markets in small company shares, it is strong in areas that are too small to attract much competition from the big boys. The benefit is seen in the healthy margins that management is so keen to maintain. Winterflood, which was bought for only £19 million four years ago, continues to look an absolute steal, *having made operating profits* last year of perhaps £23 million. The worry is what happens when the bull market ends.

The group's profit-related bonus schemes, *which help to explain expenses that ballooned* from £51.1 million to £69.8 million, *offer some* downside protection: only a quarter of Winterflood's costs are reckoned to be fixed. The breadth of Close Brothers's 17 businesses, its move to build up fee *income from* the likes of investment management, and its continued confidence in its future are all reassuring.

The environment for banking businesses *will not always be so benign*. The quality of the record deserves support from existing holders. But it is too late for newcomers to clamber aboard.

McKechnie

ANDREW WALKER has *had to grapple with a few* unpleasant tasks since taking over as chief executive at McKechnie in March.

The group was laudably *quick to tell investors about* the £4 million charge of abandoning a contract in the US, even though it meant his arrival was followed a drop *in the share price*.

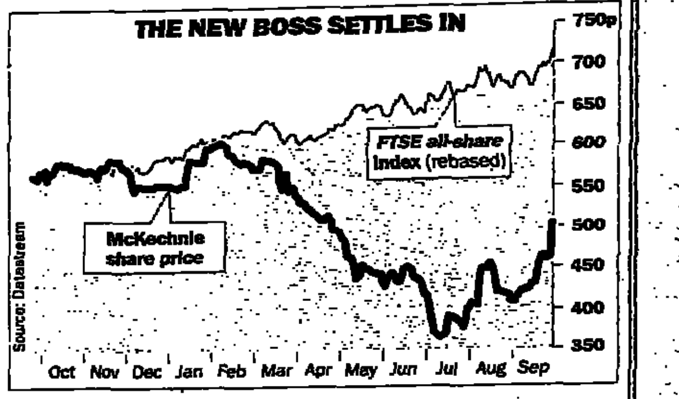
Mr Walker *has* continued tidying up leaky Australasian operations to break-even point. The group is not *alone in hoping that the* Sydney Olympics will stimulate moribund sales of housing-related products.

Treating the US cost as an exceptional raised eyebrows (is anything a normal trading loss these days?), but the profits from the acquisition last August of Dzus have impressed. Aerospace and UK consumer products will continue to grow organically.

What Mr Walker needs is a year without any slip-ups — inherited or otherwise — to test his strategy of becoming "a supplier's supplier to *Blue Chip customers*".

This involves much more input on the design of components and a customer's own processes — like Jeeves making discreet corrections to his master's wardrobe.

This has already led to greater capital *expenditure* on specialised and engineered plastics, rather than the more straightforward consumer division, which is unlikely to be sold while markets continue to improve. Hold.



Newsquest

A COUPLE of years ago it would have been difficult to persuade many people to get excited about local and re*gional newspapers. Print*, the mantra went, was mature, and nothing was more mature than titles that, in some cases, were more than 100 years old. Yesterday *Jim* Brown, chairman of Newsquest, denounced such views as "nonsense" — with some justice.

Newsquest believes that local newspapers will not be swept away by the Internet and all things electronic but will be a crucial part of such a revolution, when, and if, it gathers pace. In the meantime, falling newsprint prices — and the thought of all that *cashflow — are making local* newspapers suddenly fashionable once again.

This should help Newsquest and its backers to price its shares towards the upper end of the 250p-to-290p range. With floats thin on the ground, it will certainly not have to fight for the institutions' attention. Only around 37 per cent of the company is on offer, so the shares could receive a boost from investors keen to get into the sector.

Don't look for any acquisition spree. Although obviously willing to look at the right business at the right price, Mr Brown was notably cautious on acquisition plans. Compared with the other specialist regional groups, Newsquest looks reasonable value, particularly if, as promised yesterday, more can be done with its Westminster Press business.

Soccer Inv

ONE certainly cannot fault Leicester City's timing. Third *in the Premiership and* holding its own in Europe after winning the Coca-Cola Cup, the club has rarely done better. If ever anyone was going to pay £24 million for it, this is the moment.

Leicester says that it derives nearly half its £18 million turnover from activities outside football, and boasts that it even manufactures the players' shirts — as if this were proof enough that the club is ready for the financial scrutiny of the outside world. The club is less keen to discuss the pre-tax losses of £3.5 million that result from its transfer dealings.

Despite its current on-field success, Leicester City does not enjoy the widespread support that makes Manchester United such a valuable franchise.

The money that the club *makes from catering and* conferences is unlikely to be enough on its own, and its fan base is too narrow to attract hugely lucrative television deals.

The £24 million valuation of the club may have been cut back sharply from earlier estimates of its value, but it currently offers little to provide a sound basis for investment.

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BRITISH FUNDS

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
101½	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	100		8.75	.
106 7/32	100 5/64	Exch 15% 1997	100 5/64	- 1/32	14.92	7.05
115½	113 25/32	Treas 4¾% 1998	115½		4.00	6.89
103¼	100¼	Exch 9¾% 1998	100¼		9.68	7.07
101 9/16	100 5/16	Treas 7¼% 1998	100⅛ †		7.24	7.05
110¼	104 7/32	Treas 14% 1998-01	104 7/32	- 1/16	13.43	7.10
114 9/32	108	Treas 15½% 1998	108 †	- 1/16	14.35	7.08
109 5/16	105 3/16	Exch 12% 1998	105 3/16	- 1/16	11.41	7.12
105⅜	102¼	Treas 9½% 1999	102¼	- 1/16	9.23	7.09
111 5/32	107 7/32	Exch 12¼% 1999	107 7/32	- 3/32	11.42	7.05
108 5/16	105 5/32	Treas 10½% 1999	105 5/32	- 1/16	9.97	7.03
99 9/32	96 15/32	Treas 6% 1999	98 9/32	- 1/32	6.09	6.88
109⅛	106¼	Conv 10¼% 1999	106 15/32	- ⅛	9.63	7.03
106½	104⅛	Conv 9% 2000	104 11/16	- 3/32	8.60	6.86
104 7/32	102 7/32	Treas 8% 2000	103 9/32	- 1/16	7.72	6.71
104 9/32	102 5/32	Treas 8½% 2000	103⅛	- 1/16	8.22	6.91
119⅛	114 5/32	Treas 13% 2000	115 5/16	- 1/16	11.27	6.85
112 9/32	98 9/32	Treas 10% 2001	109 7/32	- 1/32	9.11	6.68
101 15/32	98 7/32	Treas 7% 2001	101½	- 1/32	6.90	6.71
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
102 25/32	97 25/32	Treas 7% 2002	102 9/32	- 1/16	6.85	6.44
122¼	109½	Treas 9¾% 2002	113 9/32	- ⅛	8.62	6.55
107½	102 9/32	Treas 8% 2003	107 5/16	- 3/16	7.46	6.47
117 7/32	111½	Treas 10% 2003	116⅞	- 11/32	8.56	6.52
116 15/16	113¼	Treas 11½% 2001-04	114⅜	- 1/32	10.04	6.74
89¼	82 15/32	Fund 3½% 1999-04	89 9/32	- 1/32	3.90	5.32
117 5/16	109 11/16	Conv 9½% 2004	116 15/16	- ⅛	8.13	6.48
102 7/32	94¼	Treas 6¾% 2004	101 11/16	- 11/32	6.64	6.44
113	104 17/32	Treas 8½% 2005	112 9/32	- 3/32	7.54	6.47
122 25/32	110 25/32	Conv 9½% 2005	117 7/32	- 1/32	8.08	6.52
130 7/32	124 5/16	Treas 12½% 2003-05	129 11/16	- 11/32	9.64	6.53
107 5/16	98 7/32	Treas 7½% 2006	106 9/16	- 3/32	7.02	6.48
108⅜	99 7/32	Treas 7¾% 2006	108 7/32	- 3/32	7.16	6.52
106	100 17/32	Treas 8% 2002-06	105 31/32 xd	- 1/32	7.55	6.62
123 7/32	115 25/32	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	122 25/32	- 1/16	9.56	6.56
114 9/32	105 3/32	Treas 8½% 2007	114 1/32	- 1/16	7.45	6.53
106 5/16	96⅛	Treas 7¼% 2007	105 15/32	- 3/32	6.85	6.46
119 25/32	108 7/32	Treas 9% 2008	119 9/32	- 1/16	7.55	6.52
112½	101	Treas 8% 2009	112 5/16	- 1/16	7.14	6.53
97 5/32	86¼	Treas 6¼% 2010	96 7/32	- 1/16	6.45	6.60
121⅜	109⅛	Conv 9% 2011	121⅜	- ⅛	7.41	6.60
122 17/32	109¼	Treas 9% 2012	122¼ †	- 3/32	7.36	6.61
91 5/32	80 3/32	Treas 5½% 2008-12	91	- 3/32	6.04	6.44
110 5/16	98 9/32	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	109 15/32	- 3/32	7.08	6.64
LONGS (over 15 years)						
113 9/16	100 25/32	Treas 8% 2013	113 5/16	- ⅛	7.07	6.64
115 5/16	101 5/32	Treas 8% 2015	114⅛	- 1/16	6.97	6.59
123 23/32	103 5/16	Treas 8¾% 2017	123	- 3/32	7.11	6.64
117 7/32	101 5/16	Tr 8% 2021	116 7/32	- 5/32	6.85	6.58
UNDATED						
52 13/16	43 9/32	War Ln 3½%	52⅝	- 1/16	6.65	..
36 11/16	30 11/16	Treas 2½%	36 9/32 xd†	- 3/32	6.80	.
58 7/16	49 5/32	Consols 4%	57 25/32	- 1/32	6.95	
***INDEX-LINKED* on projected inflation of:**					10%	5%
191 11/32	184 5/16	Treas IL 2½% 2001	191⅝	- 1/32	2.56	3.26
188¼	180 7/32	Treas IL 2½% 2003	188 9/32	- 1/32	2.78	3.28
121 11/16	117 5/32	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	121 15/32	- 1/32	2.85	3.28
200 5/16	190	Treas IL 2% 2006	199 25/32	- ½	2.99	3.31
181 11/32	170 11/16	Treas IL 2½% 2009	180⅛	- 15/32	3.04	3.30
188 11/32	176 5/16	Treas IL 2½% 2011	188 9/32	- 21/32	3.08	3.31
156 7/32	144 23/32	Treas IL 2½% 2013	155 7/32	- 5/16	3.12	3.31
167 15/32	153 15/16	Treas IL 2½% 2016	166 15/16	- 13/32	3.14	3.33
161 11/32	147 9/32	Treas IL 2½% 2020	160 5/16	- 11/32	3.20	3.35
134 15/32	122 9/32	Treas IL 2½% 2024	134⅛	- 15/32	3.21	3.35
132	119 15/16	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	131 11/32	- 11/32	3.21	3.35

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
ASDA	140	19½	23½	26	—	2½	3
(*159)	160	3½	10½	13½	4½	9	10
Abbey Nat	900	52	94½	110½	7	34½	47½
(*943½)	950	21	67	85	25½	57	70
All&Leic	650	43	63½	76½	1½	11	21½
(*689)	700	10	32	47½	18	30½	42½
Allid Dom	460	27½	41	50½	2½	18	23½
(*484½)	500	4	19½	31	20	40	44
BAA	550	35½	52½	66½	1½	13½	18
(*582)	600	6	25	38½	21½	36	41
BAT Ind	500	34½	61	67½	4½	21½	29
(*529½)	550	7	35	41½	27	45	54½
Barclays	1600	85	162½	191	16	70	90
(*1664)	1700	27	111	139	60½	118	137
Bass	800	38½	64	79½	5	29½	37½
(*831½)	850	9½	37½	54	26½	55	62½
Boots	850	35	64½	84	7	28	38
(*875)	900	8½	39½	57	31½	51½	62
Br Airwys	650	46½	69	84½	3½	20½	25
(*692½)	700	12	41	56	19½	41½	48
BP	900	62½	94½	110½	3	24	33
(*958½)	950	25½	64	84½	15½	43	53½
Br Steel	180	6	12½	16½	4½	9½	13½
(*182½)	200	½	5	10½	18	22	25½
C&W	500	31½	54	65½	4½	21	26½
(*526)	550	6	29	40½	28	45	51½
CU	750	72	106	124½	1	22½	37
(*818½)	800	35	76	96	10½	41	58
GlaxoW	1350	40½	106	130½	23½	66	83½
(*1365)	1400	18½	80½	104	51	90	107½
HSBC	2100	96½	208	257½	24	98	139
(*2174½)	2200	37	157	212	66½	146½	186
Halifax	700	38	66	78½	3	18½	29½
(*734½)	750	7½	37	51	23	40	52½
ICI	950	57	96½	110½	5	28	41½
(*999)	1000	23½	67½	82½	21½	46½	63½
Land Sec	950	26	55	75½	8	25	34½
(*966)	1000	5½	32½	49½	37	51	60
M&S	600	26½	46½	61	5	19½	27½
(*620½)	650	5	23	37½	31½	45½	51
Natl Pwr	550	24½	49	61½	7	29	30
(*566½)	600	4½	28½	39½	36	52½	57
Nat West	900	39½	85	99½	10½	41½	53½
(*929)	950	15	57	74	34	66	77½
Reuters	700	35½	66	80	6	27½	41½
(*729)	750	9	40	53½	29½	51½	64½
Ryl&Sun	550	46	69½	79½	2	16½	28
(*592½)	600	12	40½	51	18½	37½	50
Safeway	390	18½	31	41	2½	13½	17½
(*404½)	420	3½	16½	25½	17	28½	32½
Sainsbury	430	40½	51	61½	½	7½	14
(*459)	460	10½	26½	37	10½	22½	30
Shell	450	14	33½	—	9	24	—
(*453)	500	1	14	25	47	53	56
SmKl Bch	575	26½	52	68	7½	25	34½
(*594)	600	12½	39	55½	16	37	46
Std Char	850	34½	74½	90½	19½	51	82
(*869½)	900	14½	51	66½	49½	77½	99
(*871)	900	9	36½	50½	34½	54½	61
Vodafone	300	31	42	50½	½	9	12½
(*329)	330	9½	24½	33½	9	21½	25
Woolwich	300	16½	28½	35½	2	10	14½
(*312½)	330	2½	13½	20½	18	25	29½
Zeneca	2000	49	132	173	36½	67½	111
(*2011½)	2100	13½	86½	126½	96	141½	163

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BTR	240	16	25½	30½	7½	14½	19½
(*248½)	260	6	16	20½	17½	24½	30
Blue Circ	390	23	35	41	12½	17	23½
(*396½)	420	10	21	27	29½	33½	39½
Br Aero	1600	90½	137	166	30	57½	68½
(*1648½)	1700	40	83	112	78	100½	115
Br Telcm	385	36½	44	—	5	19½	—
(*413½)	425	13	27½	—	21½	40	—
Cadbury	550	43	59½	66½	7½	15	23
(*580½)	600	16½	31½	40½	28½	37	47
Energy Gp	650	16	30	36	10	14	21½
(*652)	700	2	13½	15½	48	51	53½
Gallaher	280	16½	25	30	9	13½	19
(*285½)	300	8½	15½	20	20	23½	30
GEC	360	33	42	51½	6	12	15
(*385)	390	15	25	35	17	24½	28
Grnd Met	550	43½	63	75	7½	18½	24
(*587)	600	19	35	48½	28	41½	47
Guinness	550	39	56	60½	9½	19	24
(*574½)	600	13½	30	35	33½	43½	48½
Hanson	280	25½	35	40	3½	8	13
(*299½)	300	13	23	28½	11	16	21½
Imp Tob	360	21	36	32	7½	18	22½
(*370½)	390	7	12	18½	23½	36½	40½
Kingfshr	800	65½	90½	101	14	25½	35½
(*845½)	850	36	62½	73	33½	34	57½
Lasmo	260	17	25	32½	6½	10½	14
(*271)	280	7	15½	22	16	30½	24
Ladbroke	260	23½	32	36½	5	10	12½
(*276½)	280	11½	21½	26	13½	18	21½
LucasVar	220	26	31½	38	3	6½	9½
(*243)	240	11½	20	26	8½	14½	18
P&O	650	34	52	57½	12½	20	31½
(*665½)	700	11	27½	31½	40½	46½	57½
Prudentl	650	57	80	91½	12	22½	32
(*692½)	700	26½	51	64	31	44	54½
Rio Tinto	950	50	78½	90½	16	28½	44½
(*976)	1000	23½	51½	64	39½	51½	68½
Redland	220	19	23	29	5½	10	16
(*229)	240	10	14	20½	17½	21½	27½
R-Royce	240	14½	24	30	9	13½	17½
(*246)	260	6	15½	21	20½	24½	28
Tesco	460	27	38½	49½	10½	18	24½
(*474)	500	8	24½	29½	32	38½	44½
Utd Bisc	200	11½	17½	20	5	8	11
(*202½)	220	3½	9	11½	18½	19	23

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
BG PLC	260	19½	26	31½	12½	17	21
(*266)	280	10½	19½	22½	24	28	32
BSkyB	460	35	48½	61½	26½	35	41
(*464½)	500	18½	31½	42½	49½	57½	63
Br Gas	160	19	23½	36½	15½	21½	26½
(*161½)	180	11	21½	29½	27½	33½	38
Centrica	90	8½	13½	15	4	6	8
(*93½)	100	4	9	10½	9½	11½	13½
Dixons	600	61	77	91	15½	26	33
(*637½)	650	32	49	64	36	47½	56
EMI	603	49½	66½	—	30	33	—
(*615)	631	35½	53½	—	44	52½	—
Granada	850	66½	83	102	18	31½	38
(*886½)	900	37½	56	75	39	54½	60½
GUS	650	64	80½	96	12	20½	26½
(*691)	700	34	52½	68½	31½	41	48
Lloyds TSB	800	64½	87½	104	53½	47	56½
(*821½)	850	40	61½	79	55	71½	81
Lonrho	110	9	12½	15	4½	6	8½
(*112½)	120	4½	7½	10½	10	12	14
Norwich	330	18½	33	35	10½	16½	20
(*334)	360	6½	16	21½	29	33½	36½
Orange	220	13	21½	25½	9½	13	15½
(*221)	240	5	12½	16½	22	24½	27
Railtrck	850	79	97	114	25	37½	45
(*891)	900	51	70½	88	47	60½	68
Scot Pwr	460	35½	47½	55½	14½	22	27
(*471)	500	18½	28½	35½	35½	42½	48
Tarmac	130	9½	12½	15½	4½	7	10
(*132)	140	5	8	11	10½	12	15½
Tomkins	330	26½	33	41	6½	12	15
(*345)	360	11	18½	26	21	26½	29½
Unilever	1700	141½	191	219½	42	67½	90½
(*1784½)	1800	85½	137½	167	83½	111½	135½

September 29 Total: 25198 Calls: 12855 Puts: 12343

FTSE INDEX (*5221) Strike	Calls Oct	Calls Nov	Calls Dec	Calls Jan	Calls Jun	Puts Oct	Puts Nov	Puts Dec	Puts Jan	Puts Jun
5050	230	301	347½	384	—	28	74	98	120½	—
5100	189½	264½	310	347	497½	38	87½	111	133½	213½
5150	151½	228	276½	317½	—	52½	103	128	152	—
5200	118½	198½	246½	288	432½	70½	124	149	173½	248½
5250	89	170	216½	258½	—	92	146	170	195	—
5300	63½	141	186½	229½	371½	120	168½	193	214	290
5350	44	119	162½	205	—	152½	198	221	241½	—
5400	30	97½	141	184	321½	190½	228	251½	271	341

September 29 Total: 4856 Calls: 2003 Puts: 2853

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Dec 97	119-22	119-22	118-29	119-04	88154
Previous open interest 184576	Mar 98	119-04	119-04	119-03	119-03	14
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Dec 97	102.80	102.88	102.61	102.73	98673
Previous open interest 282940	Mar 98	101.98	102.00	101.89	101.96	1530
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Dec 97	112.20	112.20	111.40	111.64	56607
Previous open interest 124401	Mar 98	111.60	111.60	111.60	111.59	130
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Dec 97	128.94	129.15	128.93	129.14	6640
	Mar 98	127.83	128.01	127.79	128.01	4160
Three Mth Sterling	Dec 97	92.55	92.57	92.54	92.56	29111
	Mar 98	92.52	92.52	92.47	92.51	29080
Previous open interest 640732	Jun 98	92.60	92.60	92.50	92.55	34973
Three Mth Euromark	Dec 97	96.42	96.43	96.39	96.40	27627
Previous open interest 1591800	Mar 98	96.19	96.19	96.15	96.16	30893
Three Mth Eurolira	Dec 97	94.01	94.01	93.90	93.91	34633
Previous open interest 416026	Mar 98	94.70	94.71	94.60	94.63	21091
Three Mth Euroyen	Mar 98				99.42	0
	Jun 98				99.36	0
Three Mth Euroswiss	Dec 97	98.22	98.24	98.18	98.22	6049
Previous open interest 151194	*Mar 98*	*98.00*	*98.04*	*98.00*	*98.03*	2660
Three Mth ECU	Dec 97	95.56	95.57	95.55	95.56	997
Previous open interest 34662	Mar 98	95.52	95.52	95.49	95.52	471
FTSE 100	Dec 97	5311.0	5345.0	5280.0	5304.0	7733
Previous open interest 66660	Mar 98				5351.0	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7 Finance Hse 7

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7¼ Low 6¾ Week fixed: 7⅛

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6 11/16 ; 3 mth 6 11/16 . Sell: 2 mth 6⅝ ; 3 mth: 6⅝ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	7⅛-6 15/16	7⅛-7	7¼-7⅛	7⅜-7¼	
Sterling Money Rates:	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜	7⅝-7½	7 11/16-7 9/16	7⅝-7½
Interbank:	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜	7⅝-7½	7 11/16-7 9/16	7⅝-7½
Overnight: open 7 . close 7 .					
Local Authority Deps:	7⅜	n/a	7½	7⅝	7¾
Sterling CDs:	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜	7⅝-7½	7 11/16-7 9/16	7 13/16-7 11/16
Dollar CDs:	5.57	n/a	5.65	5.72	5.90
Building Society CDs:	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜	7⅝-7½	7¾-7⅝

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5 9/16-5 7/16	5 9/16-5 7/16	5⅝-5½	5 25/32-5 21/32	5¼-4¾
Deutschemark:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3¼-3⅛	3⅜-3¼	3⅛-2⅞
French Franc:	3¼-3	3⅜-3¼	3½-3⅜	3⅝-3½	3¼-2¾
Swiss Franc:	1½-1¼	1½-1⅜	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1¼-¾
Yen:	½-¼	⅝-½	⅝-½	⅝-½	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $327.00-327.50 Close: $327.00-327.50 High: $327.00-327.50
Low: $325.85-326.35 AM: $327.05 PM: $327.10

Krugerrand: $326.75-328.75 (£202.00-204.00)

Platinum: $429.00 (£265.30) Silver: $5.01 (£3.095) Palladium: $195.00 (£120.60)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 29	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.1891-3.2104	3.2005-3.2039	1⅛-1pr	3⅛-3pr
Brussels	58.410-58.820	58.628-58.729	21-16pr	56-49pr
Copenhagen	10.780-10.855	10.821-10.831	⅞-⅛pr	1-⅛pr
Dublin	1.1007-1.1109	1.1042-1.1064	10-4pr	31-24pr
Frankfurt	2.8313-2.8501	2.8419-2.8445	1-⅞pr	2½-2⅜pr
Lisbon	288.11-290.43	289.47-289.81	½-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Madrid	*238.99-240.80*	240.12-240.31	44-34pr	*137-119pr*
Milan	2770.2-2792.7	2781.3-2784.9	22-6pr	70-47pr
Montreal	2.2326-2.2394	2.2372-2.2394	0.73-0.68pr	1.36-1.28pr
New York	1.6130-1.6170	1.6160-1.6170	0.223-0.202pr	0.635-0.605pr
Oslo	11.452-11.487	11.452-11.468	⅜-⅛pr	1-⅛pr
Paris	9.5070-9.5740	9.5441-9.5540	3⅛-3⅛pr	9¼-9⅛pr
Stockholm	12.213-12.270	12.215-12.231	⅛-⅛pr	⅛-⅛pr
Tokyo	*195.29-195.91*	*195.42-195.67*	1⅛-1pr	*3½-3⅜pr*
Vienna	19.921-20.063	19.999-20.018	⅞-⅝pr	2-1⅛pr
Zurich	2.3200-2.3377	2.3458-2.3487	1⅛-1⅛pr	3⅛-3⅛pr

Source: Enel   Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3912-1.3921
Austria	12.38-12.39
Belgium (Com)	36.32-36.36
Canada	*1.3842-1.3847*
Denmark	6.7025-6.7055
France	5.9135-5.9145
Germany	1.7604-1.7609
Hong Kong	7.7378-7.8388
Ireland	1.4660-1.4680
Italy	1725.0-1726.0
Japan	*121.10-121.15*
Malaysia	3.1884-3.1914
Netherlands	1.9825-1.9830
Norway	7.0926-7.1000
Portugal	179.33-179.43
Singapore	1.5284-1.5294
Spain	148.77-148.80
Sweden	7.5531-7.5581
Switzerland	1.4524-1.4534

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6174-1.6201
Australia dollar	2.2530-2.2578
Bahrain dinar	0.6015-0.6155
Brazil real*	1.7712-1.7756
China yuan	13.225-13.525
Cyprus pound	0.8385-0.8575
Finland markka	8.4150-8.5560
Greece drachma	442.5-453.0
Hong Kong dollar	12.5270-12.5371
India rupee	57.79-59.09
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4835-0.4945
Malaysia ringgit	5.1620-5.1704
New Zealand dollar	2.5329-2.5385
Pakistan rupee	63.80 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8125-5.9475
Singapore dollar	2.4745-2.4778
S Africa rand (com)	7.4680-7.6370
U A E dirham	5.8625-5.9985

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	1,700	Ladbroke	4,900
ASDA Gp	10,500	Land Secs	528
Abbey Ntl	3,000	Legal & Gn	2,300
Allnce & Leic	3,700	Lloyds TSB	7,800
Allied Dom	1,500	LucasVarity	4,400
AB Foods	173	Marks Spr	3,500
BAA	2,300	Mercury Ast	432
BAT Inds	3,400	NatWst Bk	8,400
BG	4,600	Nat Grid	5,300
BOC	460	Nat Power	2,500
BP	6,600	Next	1,300
BSkyB	1,400	Orange	944
BTR	6,600	P & O	628
BT	11,300	Pearson	859
Bk of Scot	6,900	PowerGen	2,800
Barclays	4,500	Prudential	8,200
Bass	1,800	RMC	896
Blue Circle	1,000	Railtrack	1,800
Boots	2,100	*Rank Group*	*1,400*
BAe	1,700	Reckitt Col	818
BA	1,400	Reed Intl	14,900
British Land	1,300	Rentokil	2,400
Brit Steel	7,900	Reuters	3,400
Burmah Cstl	121	Rio Tinto	3,500
Cable Wire	4,800	Rolls Royce	5,700
Cadbury	*1,900*	*Royal & Sun*	*9,100*
Carlton Cms	602	Royal Bk Sct	8,600
Centrica	13,500	Safeway	9,900
Cm Union	3,000	Sainsbury	4,500
Dixons	1,900	Schroders	69
EMI	2,500	Scot & New	2,100
Energy Gp	994	Scot Power	4,100
Enterpr Oil	3,900	Svrn Trent	1,900
GKN	832	Shell Trans	11,200
GRE	5,600	Siebe	1,200
GUS	22,200	SmKl Bch	8,300
Gen Acc	2,500	Smiths Inds	1,100
Gen Elec	3,800	Std Chartd	3,900
Glaxo Well	3,500	TI Gp	1,100
Granada	2,900	Tate & Lyle	2,600
Grand Met	1,500	Tesco	11,900
Guinness	2,100	Thames W	816
HSBC	2,600	Tomkins	3,900
Halifax	7,700	Unilever	1,700
Hanson	2,100	Utd Utilities	1,300
Hays	326	Utd News	583
ICI	1,800	Vodafone	5,400
Imp Tob	1,400	Whitbread	1,100
Kingfisher	2,600	Wolseley	2,600
LASMO	677	Zeneca	1,800

WALL STREET

	Sep 29 midday	Sep 26 close
AMP Inc	53⅞	52⅞
AMR Corp	113½	113⅜
AT & T	45 11/16	45⅜
Abbott Labs	62 13/16	63⅛
Advanced Micro	33⅛	32¾
Aetna Life	82¼	90⅛
Ahmanson (HF)	56	56¼
Air Prod & Chem	83¼	83¼
AirTouch Comm	36⅝	36⅜
Albertson's	33 11/16	34⅛
Alcan Alumnm	34	33⅞
Allied Signal	41¾	41¾
Alum Co of Am	80⅛	80⅛
Amerada Hess	61¾	61 11/16
Amer El Power	45½	45¼
Amer Express	80¾	81¾
Amer Genl Corp	51⅜	51⅛
Amer Home Pr	71¾	70⅞
Amer Intl	102¼	103⅛
Amer Stores	24½	24⅛
Amer Standard	39⅛	39⅛
Ameritech	64 11/16	65⅛
Amgen	48¾	48⅛
Amoco	95 13/16	96⅛
Andrew Corp	26	26⅛
Anheuser-Busch	45	45¼
Apple Computer	21¾	21⅛
Archer Daniels	23¾	23⅞
Armco	6	6⅛
Armstrng Wrld	66⅛	66¼
Asarco	31	30⅞
Atl Richfield	83⅛	84
Atmel Corp	36¼	37⅛
Auto Data Pro	48 11/16	49⅛
Avery Dennison	39	39
Avon Products	61¼	61¼
Baker Hughes	44½	43¼
Baltim Gas & El	27⅞	27¼
Banc One	54½	55⅛
BankAmerica	72⅛	72⅛
Bank of NY	48¾	48⅞
Bankers Tr NY	121¾	121⅜
Barnett Banks	71¾	71⅞
Bausch & Lomb	40⅛	40¾
Baxter Intl	53¾	53⅛
Becton Dicknsn	48	47⅞
Bell Atlantic	79⅛	79⅛
BellSouth	46 11/16	47⅛
Black & Decker	37⅛	36⅞
Block (H&R)	39¾	39⅛
Boeing	54⅛	54⅛
Boise Cascade	41½	41⅜
Boston Scien	57¼	58⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	81¼	82¼
Browning Ferris	38¾	38⅛
Brunswick	35¾	35¾
Burlington Nthn	95⅛	95¾
CMS Energy Corp	36⅞	36⅞
CPC Intl	92¾	91¾
CSX	57⅛	57⅛
Campbell Soup	49⅛	49 11/16
Carolina Pwr	39⅛	35¾
Case Corp	67¼	67⅛
Caterpillar	53¾	54⅛
Central & SW	22⅛	22⅛
Champion Intl	60⅞	60⅞
Chase Manhat	116⅞	117⅛
Chevron Corp	83¾	83⅛
Chrysler	37⅛	37⅛
Chubb Corp	69¾	70⅛
Cigna Corp	186½	187¼
Citicorp	131¼	132⅞
Clorox	72¾	72⅞
Coastal Corp	61⅛	61⅛
Coca Cola	62⅛	61⅞
Coca Cola Ent	27	26⅞
Colgate-Palm	67½	67½
Columbia Gas	69⅞	69⅞
ColumbiaHCA	28¾	28¼
Compaq Comp	75½	74¾
Comp Ass Intl	71¾	71⅛
Conagra	67¾	67½
Cons Edison	33¼	33⅞
Cons Nat Gas	58¾	59
Cooper Inds	54⅛	53¼
Corestates	66½	67⅛
Corning Inc	45⅛	46
Cwide Credit	35⅞	36⅛
Crestar Finl	47⅛	47¾
Crown Cork	46¼	46⅞
Dana Corp	47⅞	48
Dayton Hudson	63⅜	63¼
Deere	53⅛	53⅞
Delta Air Lines	97⅞	98½
Deluxe Corp	33¼	33¼
Digital Equip	43¾	43⅛
Dillard Dept St	43½	43⅛
Disney (Walt)	79½	79½
Dominion Res	37¼	38⅛
Donelley (RR)	34⅞	35
Dover Corp	65¾	66⅛
Dow Chemical	89¼	90⅛
Dow Jones	47⅛	47⅞
Dresser	42⅛	42¾
Duke Power	50⅛	50⅛
Dun & Bradstreet	28¾	28⅞
Du Pont	62⅞	63⅛

	Sep 29 midday	Sep 26 close
Edison Intl	24¾	25⅛
Elect Data Sys	36¼	36½
Emerson Elec	56 13/16	56 13/16
Engelhard Corp	20¾	20¾
Enron Corp	38¾	39⅛
Entergy	26	26½
Ethyl Corp	9	8¾
Exxon	63⅞	64⅛
FMC Corp	88⅛	88¼
FPL Group	50¾	50½
Federal Express	79⅛	80¾
Fifth Third Banc	64¼	66¼
Fleet Finl Grp	65⅛	65¾
Fluor Corp	53⅛	53⅛
Ford Motor	44⅛	43⅞
Fort James	45	44¾
Fortune Brands	33¼	34
Franklin Res	93¾	93½
GTE Corp	45⅞	46
Gannett	105½	105⅞
Gap Inc Del	50⅛	50¼
Gen Dynamics	88	88¾
Gen Electric	67⅞	68⅛
Gen Mills	67¼	67¼
Gen Motors	66⅛	65⅞
Gen Reinsurance	196	196⅛
Gen Signal	42¼	43
Genuine Parts	30⅛	30⅞
Georgia Pac	103⅝	103½
Gillette	86 13/16	87
Glaxo Wellc ADR	44⅛	43½
Goodrich (BF)	44¼	45⅛
Goodyear Tire	67 11/16	67¼
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29¾	28⅞
Great Lakes	49¼	49¾
Halliburton	50¾	50⅞
Harcourt General	50	50⅛
Heinz (HJ)	45¾	44 11/16
Hercules	50¾	50¾
Hershey Foods	56¼	56⅞
Hewlett Packard	71¼	71⅛
Hilton Hotels	31 11/16	31¾
Home Depot	52¾	52⅞
Homestake Mng	14½	14¾
Honeywell	67⅞	67 11/16
Household Intl	112⅛	112¼
Houston Inds	21⅛	21¾
Humana	23	23¾
ITT Corp	62⅞	63
Ikon Office	24¾	24½
Illinois Tool	49⅛	49¾
Illinova	21⅞	22⅛
INCO	24⅞	24⅛
Ingersoll Rand	42¾	42⅛
Inland Steel	21¾	22⅛
Intel Corp	93⅞	93⅛
IBM	102½	102⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	49⅞	50
Intl Paper	54⅛	53¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	57½	57⅛
Kellogg	42¾	42⅞
Kerr-McGee	68⅛	68⅛
Kimberly-Clark	48	47⅛
Kmart	13⅞	14⅛
Knight-Ridder	54½	54¾
Lilly (Eli)	120⅛	120½
Limited Inc	24⅛	24⅛
Lincoln Nat	68¾	68⅞
Litton	54⅞	55¾
Liz Claiborne	53¾	53¾
Lockheed Martin	105½	109¾
Louisiana Pac	25¾	25⅛
MCI Comm	29⅞	29⅞
Manpower Inc	38⅞	38⅞
Marriott Intl	70¾	69¼
Marsh & McLnn	75¼	75⅛
Masco Corp	46⅛	46⅛
May Dept St	54¼	54⅛
Maytag Corp	33¼	33¾
McDonalds	47½	47⅛
McGraw Hill	66¾	66¾
Mead Corp	71	70⅞
Medtronic	46	46¾
Mellon Bk	54⅞	53⅛
Merck Inc	99⅛	100¼
Mercury Fin	1⅛	1¾
Merrill Lynch	74	73⅛
Microsoft	133⅛	133¾
Minnesota Mine	90⅛	92⅛
Mirage Resorts	28¼	29
Mobil Corp	73⅞	74⅛
Monsanto	38¾	39⅞
Morgan (JP)	113¾	113⅞
Motorola Inc	69	68¾
Mylan Labs	22⅛	22⅛
Natl Semd	39¾	40¾
Natl Service Ind	43¾	43⅞
Navistar Int	26½	26⅞
NY Times A	53⅛	52¾
Newmont Mng	43⅞	43
Nike B	53¼	53½
NL Industries	15¼	15⅞
Nordstrom	62½	63½
Norfolk Sthrn	101⅛	100¾
Nthn State Pwr	49¼	50⅛
Norwest Corp	61⅛	61¾
Occidental Pet	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Sep 29 midday	Sep 26 close
Owens Corning	35⅛	35⅛
PPG Industries	63⅛	63⅛
PMI Group	56⅛	57
PNC Bank	48¾	49¼
PP&L Res	21 11/16	21 11/16
Paccar Inc	54¼	53¾
Pacificorp	22⅛	22⅛
Pac Enterprises	33½	33⅛
Pall Corp	20¾	21⅛
Parker Hannifin	44⅞	44¾
Peco Energy	23¾	23⅛
Penney (JC)	59	59⅛
Pennzoil	79¾	78 11/16
Pepsico	40¾	40½
Pfizer	60⅞	61
Pharm & Upjhn	36⅛	36¾
Phelps Dodge	77	76¾
Philip Morris	41⅛	41¾
Phillips Pet	50⅛	50⅞
Pitney Bowes	82⅛	81⅞
Polaroid	51¼	51⅞
Procter & Gmbl	69	69¼
Providian	39	38¾
Pub Serv E & G	25⅞	25⅞
Quaker Oats	50¾	50¾
Ralston Purina	87¾	88⅛
Raychem Corp	83¼	83½
Raytheon	58⅞	59⅛
Reebok Intl	47¼	47¾
Reliastar Fin	38¾	39
Reynolds Metals	70¾	69¾
Rockwell Intl	62	63⅛
Rohm & Haas	94⅞	94 11/16
Royal Dutch	54⅞	54 11/16
Rubbermaid	25¼	25¼
SBC Comms	58¾	59⅛
Safeco Corp	51¾	51¼
St Paul's Cos	80	80
Salomon Inc	74 11/16	76¼
Sara Lee Corp	51¼	51½
Schering Plough	50¼	51⅛
Schlumberger	82⅝	82⅛
Seagram	35½	35¾
Sears Roebuck	56¼	57
Shell Trans	44¼	43⅞
Sherwin Wilms	29½	29½
Silicon Graphics	26½	26⅛
Snap-On-Tools	44½	44¾
Southern Co	22⅞	22¾
Southtrust	50	50
Sprint Corp	47⅛	47½
Stanley Works	42¾	42¾
Sun Company	44⅛	44⅛
Sun Microsys	48¾	48⅛
Suntrust	67⅛	68⅛
Supervalu	39⅛	39⅛
Synovus Fin	24⅛	23⅞
Sysco Corp	36⅛	36
TRW Inc	55½	55⅛
TIG Hldgs	33¾	34
Tandy Corp	34	34
Temple Inland	64⅞	64⅛
Tenet Healthcare	28¼	28⅛
Tenneco	48⅛	48⅛
Texaco	120	119⅛
Texas Inst	136¼	134⅛
Texas Utilities	35⅛	35¾
Textron	64¾	64⅛
Thermo Elect	39¾	39⅛
Time Warner	53¾	53⅛
Times-Mirror A	55¾	55½
Timken	39⅛	38¼
Torchmark	40½	39½
Toys R Us	35¾	34¼
Transamerica	98	98⅛
Travelers	67½	69¼
Tribune	54	54⅛
UST Inc	31½	31
US Bancorp	95½	96¾
UAL	84	84
Unitrin	65	65
US Inds	27⅞	28
US West Comm	38⅛	38⅞
US West Media	22⅛	22
USAirways Group	41¾	40¾
USX Marathon	37⅛	37⅛
Unicom	23⅛	23¼
Unilever NV	210½	212
Union Camp	61	61
Union Carbide	48⅛	47¼
Union Pacific	61¾	62⅛
Unisys Corp	13⅛	12⅞
USF&G Corp	22⅛	22¼
United Tech	81¾	82¼
Unocal Corp	42¾	42⅞
VF Corp	94½	94
Wal-Mart Stores	36½	36½
Warner-Lambert	134	133¼
Waste Mngmt	34¼	34½
Wells Fargo	275⅛	277⅛
Westinghouse El	26¾	27
Weyerhaeuser	59¾	60⅛
Whirlpool	65⅛	66¾
Whitman	26¾	26½
Winn Dixie	35½	35⅛
Witco Corp	45¾	45¾
Woolworth	22⅛	22⅛

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What Brown means when he talks about full employment

Tony Blair makes his first speech as Prime Minister to Labour's annual conference today against the background of a new policy commitment: the declaration by Gordon Brown, his Chancellor, of the Government's backing for full employment.

The Chancellor was unequivocal yesterday in his speech to the conference in Brighton. He said the Government would pursue "employment opportunities for all, in every part of the United Kingdom. Full employment for the 21st century — that is the ambition of decent-minded people everywhere."

Full employment. Why is it for some a near-talismanic objective of policy? It is a phrase redolent of history, and steeped in Labourism. It stems from the 1944 White Paper on Employment from Sir William Beveridge, the great social reformer, which set as a goal for economic policy a "high and stable level of employment".

Keynesian economics pursued by both Labour and Conservative governments in the wake of the White Paper saw precisely that objective being sustained: unemployment in the 1950s and 1960s was at levels so low as to appear staggering now after the high unemployment of the 1980s and 1990s. When Labour was last in power, unemployment above one million seemed politically inconceivable.

Full employment as a policy objective began to unravel with the rise of inflation in the 1970s, and was abandoned as a goal by the Conservatives after 1979. For Labour, shifting away from the objective of full employment was a more painful experience. It began to disappear under the leadership of Neil Kinnock, who would refer only to "modern full employment", and Labour leaders have been chary of it until Mr Brown's pronouncement yesterday.

With good reason. Full employment used to mean as many jobs for full-time male manual workers as there were full-time male manual workers wanting them. That idea cannot be embraced by any political leader today, simply because changes in the labour market no longer allow it.

Women now constitute 44 per cent of the economically active workforce, according to figures drawn from the Government's Labour Force Survey. While many of the jobs taken by women still tend to be lower-paid, and are often part-time, the move of women into the workforce cannot be undone. So if the old notion of full employment is unattainable, why then is the Chancellor reviving the phrase from Labour's historical canon?

Bringing the notion of full employment in from the cold is partly cosmetic. It helps to get people like John Edmonds, leader of the GMB union, off the Government's back. But while welcoming the move, they will be guarded until they see what the phrase means in terms of the economic policies that Mr Brown will pursue.

What the Chancellor's team mean by full employment is broadly this: anyone wanting a job should have the opportunity of being able to get one. What the Chancellor wants is a new concentration on employment, on jobs, rather than on unemployment, on people being without work. The new talk of full employment specifically avoids targets, either in terms of further falls in the number of people out of work, or in the number of those in jobs.

Full employment in practice, of course, cannot and will not mean the end of unemployment. Even in Keynesian full employment, unemployment was always envisaged as continuing — so-called "frictional" unemployment, as people moved from job to job.

That happens now. Take a full employment town like Andover in Hampshire. Surrounded by rich farming countryside, buoyed by the presence of the Army on Salisbury Plain, and ringed now by thriving small industrial estates, Andover and its surrounding travel-to-work area currently enjoys an unemployment rate of just 1.9 per cent.

The effect of this is to see employers all but fighting each other to get staff. Skill shortages are a constant feature of life, allowing employees often to pick and choose what work they want to do and forcing up salaries. Recruitment agencies report that demand for labour is buoyant, and the tills in the shops in the town's Chantry shopping centre reflect that. But unemployment is unlikely to disappear completely.

Long-term unemployment, at about half a million people out of work for more than a year, is still a more serious problem in the UK than elsewhere in Europe. Ministers now talk of rebalancing the Government's New Deal welfare-to-work job subsidy programme, to target more money from the £3.5 billion windfall tax on the long-term out of work and less on the young unemployed.

PHILIP BASSETT

No name — just images of Boddies

MARKETING
ROS SNOWDON

How do you tell your chief executive that the new million pound advertising campaign will not actually mention the name of the brand?

"You present the advertising and then say, 'Oh, by the way, there's no brand name,'" said John Derkach, Whitbread Beers marketing director, the man behind the new Boddingtons campaign.

The new advertisements, which will appear over the autumn, make a play on images of cream, reflecting Boddington's long use of the catchphrase "the cream of Manchester". The traditional yellow strip, logo and brand name have been removed.

Research conducted by Bartle Bogle Hegarty, the advertising agency, revealed that 75 per cent of consumers knew that the campaign was for Boddingtons. "Consumers take in more when they have to work it out. People felt particularly rewarded when they worked out the crème caramel pun," said Steve Kershaw, group director of Bartle Bogle Hegarty.

Piers Schmidt, director of Newell and Sorrell, the brand consultancy that is currently advising BA, believes that more companies will start to use no-name advertising. "Consumers are becoming a lot more sophisticated and companies are looking beyond the conventional to appeal to them," he said. "These Boddingtons ads appeal to our detective-like qualities. The Boddies drinker thinks I'm not a thick idiot that needs advertising poured down my throat. You're talking to me as if you understand me."

With this latest campaign Boddingtons has joined an elite group of no-name advertisers, including Silk Cut, Benson & Hedges and, most famously, Nike, which relies on a symbol known as the swoosh to promote its products throughout the world.

Research by TBWA Simons Palmer, Nike's British advertising agency, revealed that at least 80 per cent of consumers recognise the swoosh as standing for Nike, more than the recognition for McDonald's golden arches. "We knew that if we could brand the advertising without the word Nike it would look very stylish," said Peter Bracegirdle, the Nike account director. In a television commercial featuring the Blur song *Parklife*, the only accompaniment to the swoosh is Nike's catchline: "Just do it".

Nike refuses to reveal its advertising spend, but it is believed to be in the region of about £10 million a year in Britain, not much compared with similar brands of its size.

But before companies jettison their existing advertising in favour of no-name campaigns, some words of warning — it will only work if your advertising is very famous. Katriona Campbell, a director at Interbrand, the consultancy, said no-name advertising must tie in with previous campaigns that have used the name. In the case of Boddingtons, the "cream of Manchester" campaign has been running for six years and there have been 37 images, all in the same vein. "Very few brands and campaigns are strong enough to do this," said Campbell.

No-name advertising is a risky tactic, but when it works the impact is tremendous. Most companies can only dream of advertising recall levels of 75 per cent.

☐ Marketing directors, once fashionable figures in the boardroom, are suffering a mid-life crisis. Research by The Marketing Society reveals that they are worried about their future and feel threatened by interference from other directors. The sales department is also critical. New research by NHA International, the sales management firm, reveals that 75 per cent of sales directors believe that their marketing departments do not understand customers and 10 per cent say relations between marketing and sales are hostile.

Safeway ambitions left on the shelf after merger talks fail

Ensuring the big deals add up is far from simple, says **Sarah Cunningham**

The future of Safeway, which pioneered self-scanning, looks vulnerable with the Asda deal now in limbo

A merger between Asda and Safeway would have given the supermarkets sector a huge kick in the pants. Tesco and J Sainsbury would have been forced to watch as the merged companies — currently numbers three and four in the pecking order — catapulted into the number one spot, while consumers would have become involved as a new price war broke out.

With the talks off, nothing has really changed except people's perceptions, and they have altered markedly. Asda has clearly failed in its latest attempt to branch out while Safeway has gone from being a respected and dogged performer to looking very vulnerable to takeover. According to Richard Hyman of the Verdict retail consultancy: "Safeway now appears to lack confidence about their position, but their options are limited."

The failure of the talks after months of negotiations shows how hard it is to make the big deals gel. There are many problems to overcome, ranging from dealing with differences of culture between any two large companies, to the question of who would run the merged business, and then — the most delicate requirement of all — getting any major merger proposal past the Department of Trade and Industry.

According to both sides, it was the likelihood that the bid would be referred by the Office of Fair Trading to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission that caused the deal to be shelved. Informal soundings of the OFT had suggested that a referral was likely, and the appearance of weekend press reports that a deal was imminent meant that the usual high-level confidential guidance would not be forthcoming. With Asda feeling 90 per cent certain that a referral would occur and Safeway unwilling to risk the disruption to business it would entail, talks were simply halted.

The prospect of spending four to six months in suspense, not taking decisions on whether to apply for planning permission on new sites or on new marketing campaigns, while Tesco continued to romp off with more market share and Sainsbury's continued its tentative recovery, was too much for both to bear.

This is not to say that either side thought the deal would be blocked in the end. In fact both were confident it would get through. There is relatively little regional overlap between the two businesses. The North East of England and Scotland are the exceptions. In the latter, the two would have had about 35 per cent market share. On overall market share they would between them have only slightly more market share than Tesco, which claims about 15 per cent of the total. In Asda's view it was the sheer size of the deal, and the number of employees and consumers affected, that would have made a referral almost inevitable.

The fact that a deal was so seriously discussed, even if it eventually failed, has changed the perception of every company in the sector to some degree. Tesco is still very much the leader, but for the first time it has become apparent that it could have lost that position. J Sainsbury, weakened by several years of underperformance, could have been badly hurt. They will both be mightily relieved the merger is off. As for the protagonists, Asda has now failed to secure two deals — the first to buy Welcome Break from Granada — and appears increasingly directionless although still powered by very strong sales growth and by its high-margin clothing business. But most vulnerable of all is Safeway, which as one industry insider puts it "has put a large for sale sign above its head".

The two sides have taken a very different view about what a merger would have meant. According to Safeway, the questions of where the business was headquartered, who would have been chief executive and what the stores would be called were never discussed. The other side reckons that the stores would have been renamed Asda, the business would have been located in Asda House in Leeds and Allan Leighton, chief executive of Asda, would have done the same job for the larger group.

Archie Norman, Tory politician and chairman of Asda, would have been joint chairman of the business with David Webster, chairman of Safeway, and Colin Smith, chief executive of Safeway, would have become either deputy chairman or group finance director.

This scenario has the unfortunate effect of making Safeway look rather foolish, and therefore even more vulnerable. Its shares were 9p higher yesterday on speculation that it is a takeover target, with some analysts warming to the notion that Marks & Spencer could acquire it in order to become a major food retailer. Both Safeway and Marks & Spencer poured cold water on the idea.

A foreign company could make a move, although according to one analyst: "There are only three companies in Europe big enough to buy Safeway — Carrefour in France, Ahold in The Netherlands and Metro in Germany — and none of them is likely to do it." Out of companies in the US, Walmart is mentioned as a possible buyer but is again thought to be a long shot.

Safeway's response could be to buy a smaller food retailer, but there are few that are both attractive and available. Yorkshire-based Morrisons rose 12p yesterday on speculation that it could be bought, but, as one analyst put it: "It is not necessarily available, would still have to get past the OFT, and it would not make you number one."

The other possibility is that, somehow, Safeway will still manage to make the deal happen. The company is still clearly convinced of the logic behind the idea and is insistent that the public would benefit, as the £200 million to be made in savings through putting operations together could be spent on price cuts. Paul Smiddy, analyst at Credit Lyonnais Laing, said: "Safeway is still clinging to a hope. Even if Asda says it is all off, it would be surprising if senior management didn't have a few chats over the next few months."

Frustrating as it must be, there is no question that Safeway's efforts to jump into the truly big time have gone badly wrong. As one analyst put it yesterday: "Safeway stuck their foot out, and then shot themselves in it."

Market share of leading grocers 1996

	%
Tesco	15.3
J Sainsbury/Savacentre	12.7
Asda	7.8
Safeway	7.8
Co-op (Food)	5.8
Kwik Save	4.0
Somerfield	3.6
Marks & Spencer	3.2
Morrisons	2.7
Waitrose	1.7
Iceland	1.7
Aldi	0.8

Source: Verdict Analysis

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

BY A pleasing irony Safeway sponsored — I think this means they paid for all the drink — a party last night for all the new Labour MPs. As opposed to all new Labour MPs, if you see what I mean. Plus Blair, Prescott, David Webster, Safeway's chairman, and Colin Smith, its miserable chief executive. Well, he sounded miserable yesterday. The party was entertained by spoof ads featuring those cutesie-pie toddlers, Harry and Molly. Harry: "Why doesn't Tony Banks like doing the football pools." Molly: "Because he hates ticking the 'No Publicity' box." Harry: "Well, John, I'm sure everyone would like to thank you for that rousing speech . . ." (yawn).

David Webster, chairman of Safeway, sponsors of the party for new Labour MPs

Boom, boom. Oddly enough, nothing about Margaret Beckett, a politician Safeway has every reason to stay on the right side of. I could tell them a good joke from the time she appeared on TV opposite some Tory minister, Jonathan Aitken I do believe, and the interviewer burbled something about her claims coming "from the horse's mouth". Aitken looked at Beckett. And laughed. Such a nice man. Safeway is sponsoring a crèche at Brighton, presumably because the younger ones of the new intake can get a bit fractious near bedtime, and one at the Tory Party conference. Cue Harry: "At least William Hague will have somewhere to go."

● *NOW the Diana effect has joined the National Lottery and the soaring pound as catch-all excuses for profit warnings, clever management will have to look further afield. Might I suggest El Niño, the mysterious disturbance of the ocean currents that happens every dozen years or so and is being blamed for the Indonesian smog. The great thing about El Niño is: a) it is dimly understood; b) its effects are impossible to predict; and c) they can be felt half a globe away. A mysterious fall in sales of women's garments might be the least of them.*

Tooting beckons

ANOTHER story reaches me from the Labour conference. The term "chicken run" was cleverly coined by the party in opposition to describe Tory MPs who foresaw their fate and tried to identify their fellows planning not to stand in the last election. It has not escaped the notice of Blair's bright young things that the majority in the next election is not going to be as commanding, which means that most of those fresh faces that slew a few Tory giants will not be around for long. Which explains a sudden interest in the safe constituency of Tooting, south London, where the MP for more years than anyone can remember, Tom Cox, could be heading for the Lords. Spotted checking out local property prices: one highly-placed Young Fabian, as yet not an MP, and at least one household name giant-killer. May the best man win.

● *PERHAPS Coopers & Lybrand and Price Waterhouse need all the help they can get. Both lost to Lloyd's of London at the Reuters rugby sevens at Richmond over the weekend. Coopers lost 43-0 — admittedly in the final. Perhaps if they field a merged side next year? The event attracted 1,500 people and raised £12,000 for children's medical research.*

A charming vignette from the day's play. A tannoy announcement: "Will Uncle Timmy please come and pick up little Alexia." Then, rather louder, a child's voice can be heard: "Come on, Uncle Timmy!" My companion snorts. "Probably getting smashed somewhere, and forgotten he's brought his niece." Not so; Uncle Timmy was absent because he was murdering Flemings 40 points to 7 on behalf of Liberty.

Watery grave

AN ODDLY ageing business, turning all those taps on and off. The second senior water industry executive in less than a week has announced he is tottering off to early retirement at the age of 52. Thames handed one of theirs his gold watch last week, and the giant farewell card is now doing the rounds of Yorkshire's offices for Brian Wilson, the finance director.

I am required to scotch three rumours. He will not be rejoining the Beach Boys. He is not off to spend millions made on share options — at Yorkshire they don't get any. And he has not finally revolted at sharing an office with Trevor Newton, the Yorkshire director who famously never takes a bath. Newton himself retired almost a year ago.

MARTIN WALLER

"Excellent with Safeway's cheese, it says. Are they trying to tell us something?"

IMPULSE PURCHASE?

island company *n.* **1** companion of Robinson Crusoe **2** a desert island disc **3** an overseas company incorporated in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

concert parties *n.* **1** bunfight which typically involves a large number of musicians **2** group of persons acting in concert to acquire a company's shares.

close company *n.* **1** organisation which lacks either windows or air-conditioning **2** a company which for the purposes of corporation tax is considered to be under the control of five or fewer participators.

pyramid selling *n.* **1** time-share operation run by ancient Egyptians (*usu. 1 week for 5,000 years*) **2** a system of selling goods in which agency rights are sold on to an increasing number of distributors.

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB GOVETT UNIT TRUST LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
Protected Funds				
UK Safeguard	140.30	149.50†	+ 0.75	
Do NAV to Jun 20	136.83	138.83		
UK Equity Safeguard	110.05	117.69	+ 1.10	2.47
Do NAV to Sep 19	106.93	108.93	.	
Cash	957.72	962.51†	..	5.75
UK Growth Funds				
UK Equity Gen	377.80	401.90†		1.74
British Growth	85.84	91.80	+ 1.80	1.43
UK Small Cos	76.71	82.03†	+ 0.20	0.49
FTSE 250 Index	99.20	105.09	+ 1.60	2.11
Geared UK Index	2373.10	2505.23†	+ 38.00	5.26
Income Funds				
UK Equity Inc #	116.86	124.97†	+ 3.40	4.24
Corp Bd	80.18	82.83	+ 0.26	
Monthly Inc	43.77	46.67†	+ 0.90	8.21
International Funds				
American Gen	302.80	316.20		
American Strat	278.26	287.59	+ 1.00	
JKI US Index	2309.10	2433.01†		4.00
European Gen	342.30	362.10	+ 4.80	0.64
European Strat	148.84	159.18	+ 0.60	..
Japan Gen	130.70	138.30	+ 0.70	
Asia Pacific	91.51	97.71	+ 0.01	
Pacific Strat	151.22	161.72		.
Greater China	290.60	310.80	- 4.30	..
Latin America	130.93	140.02	+ 1.30	
Int Growth	184.87	197.71	+ 1.10	2.26
Balanced Exempt	160.50	166.40		
Global Strategy	51.84	55.44	+ 0.11	..
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	864.40	909.00	+ 5.50	2.31
General Inc	696.30	740.80	+ 4.50	2.31
UK Growth Acc	591.50	629.30	+ 4.30	2.16
UK Growth Inc	378.10	402.30	+ 2.60	2.16
Higher Inc Acc #	1050.40	1117.50	+ 8.60	4.41
Higher Inc Inc #	551.00	586.30	+ 4.40	4.41
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	229.60	242.40	- 1.00	5.32
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	95.62	100.90	- 0.50	5.32
NO America	445.60	474.10	+ 0.60	
Europe	460.70	490.20	- 2.40	0.01
Brit Excel	117.90	125.50	+ 0.80	2.30
Brit Fndmtls Acc	143.30	152.50	+ 1.10	4.30
Brit Fndmtls Inc	91.93	97.80	+ 0.66	4.30
Global Opps	119.50	127.20	- 0.30	
Balanced Acc	75.00	79.79	+ 0.13	2.12
Balanced Inc	69.32	73.75	+ 0.12	2.12
Japan Acc	39.89	42.44	- 0.62	
Pac Basin Acc	378.60	402.80	- 1.60	1.17
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	140.30	148.90†	- 0.10	6.12
High Inc Equity	223.00	238.50	+ 3.30	4.23
Worldwide Bond	274.70	291.30†	+ 0.10	3.40
American Growth	531.30	567.70	+ 3.70	0.29
Asian Pacific	320.70	343.00	+ 1.80	0.40
Assets & Earnings	347.00	371.10	+ 5.00	2.52
Euro Capital Acc	251.30	268.80	+ 0.40	0.74
Extra Inc	43.85	46.65†	+ 0.15	8.92
General	319.50	339.80†	+ 5.60	2.89
Global Opps	84.37	89.76†	+ 0.30	0.36
Japan	92.30	98.61	- 0.37	
Managed Inc	52.95	56.53†	+ 0.44	3.99
Mastertrust	194.80	208.30	+ 1.60	1.07
US Emerging Cos	229.50	245.50	+ 1.50	
Ethical	88.56	94.21	+ 1.06	1.94
International	156.40	166.40	+ 0.40	0.52
Dividend & Growth	82.18	87.43	+ 1.36	3.99
Global Gwth & Sec	77.68	83.01	+ 0.10	2.43
Latin America	99.17	105.50†	+ 1.20	0.64
Capital Reserve	152.20	152.30		4.59
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0141 275 8500				
N&P UK Growth	114.10	121.30	+ 0.90	1.96
Equity Income #	157.20	167.20†	+ 1.10	2.64
Extra Income #	298.30	317.00†	+ 0.70	6.41
Smaller Cos	105.00	111.70†	+ 0.20	2.89
International	136.30	145.00	- 0.20	1.25
ABERDEEN UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
American	80.21	83.35	+ 0.23	
Emerging Mkts	77.51	80.73	+ 0.06	0.13
European	180.25	187.49	- 0.37	
Extra Income #	57.18	60.18†	+ 0.47	5.08
Far East Emg Eco	112.27	117.78	- 1.11	0.75
Fixed Interest #	27.88	28.99†	+ 0.17	8.07
Fund Inv Tst #	171.38	179.92	+ 0.69	9.38
Japan	169.94	176.56†	- 1.62	
Latin American	82.77	86.80†	+ 1.14	
Pacific	75.08	78.82	- 0.57	0.12
Property	87.54	91.91	+ 0.36	1.50
UK Emerging Cos	69.33	74.91	+ 0.31	0.73
UK Growth	69.72	72.62	- 0.38	1.36
Aber World Port #	94.35	99.30	+ 0.39	2.53
Ethical	85.98	89.41		1.03
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.79	50.79†	- 0.06	6.85
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2476.00	2586.00		
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5868				
Resdl Property #	109.20	116.10		4.89
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	107.66	114.23†	+ 0.49	1.83
Income Builder Inc	97.40	103.62	+ 0.87	3.39
For Allied Dunbar see Threadneedle				
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	136.70	142.00		
Foundtn Persl Pens	80.42	83.55		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	468.20	498.00†	+ 2.70	
Bond	124.60	131.80	+ 0.10	6.43
Brit Smlr Cos	116.30	123.70		1.90
Europe	374.80	398.20	- 2.20	
Euro Smlr Cos	135.80	144.50	- 0.60	0.31
High Income #	69.33	73.76†	- 0.21	5.46
Income	409.70	435.90†	- 0.60	4.01
Japan	311.20	329.90	- 5.30	
Latin American	124.00	131.90	+ 1.40	.
Pacific	115.40	122.80	+ 0.40	0.80
UK Smlr Cos	63.49	67.54	+ 0.22	1.29
Japan Fd	535.60	553.20	- 10.40	
Mngd Fd	248.80	264.40	- 0.50	2.44
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	443.50	469.10		0.75
Capital Gwth	163.10	172.50		2.43
Wwide Opps	249.50	263.90	.	0.83
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 522 4000				
Balanced Trusts				
Gwth & Inc Inc	537.70	572.10	+ 11.20	1.46
European Bd Inc	99.99	103.60	+ 0.10	5.96
Exempt	107.30	114.10	+ 2.30	2.07
500	520.60	559.80†	+ 6.00	1.96
General	408.10	434.20†	+ 8.40	1.58
Property	266.30	284.60		5.56
Trustee	288.70	307.10	+ 5.20	1.56
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.00	100.00†	- 1.30	6.45
Distribution #	129.70	130.30†	+ 1.80	5
Extra Income #	174.10	185.70	+ 3.00	4.03
Gilt & Fxd Int	63.03	64.98†	+ 0.48	7.15
Income #	716.80	764.80	+ 12.30	3.99
Income Builder #	81.89	87.21†	+ 1.29	4.60
Intl Income	88.06	93.68	+ 1.09	1.33
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	182.30	193.90†	+ 3.80	1.45
FTSE 100	134.10	142.30	+ 2.40	1.76
Smaller Cos Inc	60.45	64.49	+ 0.30	2.26
UK Growth Acc	526.00	559.50	+ 11.70	1.57
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	234.10	247.40	+ 2.20	0.09
FE Growth Acc	273.10	290.60	+ 0.70	0.69
FE Growth Inc	161.80	172.10	+ 0.40	0.69
Euro Growth Inc	243.90	257.50†	+ 1.00	0.71
Euro Growth Acc	268.40	282.00	+ 1.10	0.71
Japan Inc	117.80	124.50	- 0.60	
Japan Acc	119.20	125.90	- 0.60	
Japan Spec Sits	54.47	57.70	- 0.44	
Worldwide	228.70	242.80	+ 1.70	0.73
BARING FUND MANGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	179.40	189.30	.	
Amer Smlr Cos	187.90	199.60		
Eastern	263.40	282.50		0.30
Equity Income #	123.20	131.50	.	4.00
European Growth	500.90	532.30	.	0.80
Europe	463.90	495.10		0.80
German Growth	111.60	118.40		0.50
Global Bond	74.42	78.29	.	4.60
Global Growth	179.60	189.40		0.40
Japan Growth	149.40	158.20		
Japan Smaller	103.80	109.80		
Korea Trust	45.22	49.20		
Portfolio	176.70	188.20†		2.00
-do- Accum	341.20	363.50		2.00
UK Growth	132.00	141.10		3.00
UK Smaller Cos	115.30	124.90		1.90
Select Managers	99.42	106.40		1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	107.70	114.60		
Special Oppor Inc	74.01	78.73†		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 8020				
Balanced Growth	186.89	194.68	+ 3.31	1.10
-do- Accum	218.72	227.83	+ 3.88	1.10
Smaller Cos	178.18	185.60	+ 0.87	0.39
Higher Yield #	70.71	73.66	+ 1.30	3.74
American Gth Inc	139.50	145.31†	+ 2.56	
European Growth	206.99	215.61†	+ 0.74	
-do- Accum	211.42	220.23	+ 0.76	
Mngd Ptolio Inc	64.11	66.78†	+ 0.40	1.27
-do- Accum	67.18	69.98	+ 0.42	1.27
Intl Spec Opps	213.36	222.15	+ 1.06	
Pacific Gth	156.73	163.26	- 0.11	
UK General #	126.44	131.71	+ 3.93	2.83
-do- Accum #	139.25	145.06	+ 4.33	2.83
Japan	48.14	50.14	- 0.61	..
Gilt & Fixed Int #	108.10	112.02†	- 0.45	7.61
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	66.19	67.04	- 0.02	6.24
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	213.20	224.40	+ 1.40	1.48
UK Growth	271.20	285.40†	+ 4.90	1.51
UK Income	185.90	195.70	+ 3.10	3.55
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	283.00	299.90	+ 1.70	1.32
-do- Income Dist	156.10	165.40	+ 0.90	3.82
-do- Accum	519.50	550.60	+ 3.20	3.02
Gilt & Fxd Int	43.04	45.22†	- 0.22	6.02
Growth Units	338.60	351.49†	+ 2.00	1.67
Bond	186.00	196.60†	+ 0.90	5.80
Intl Growth	254.80	271.00	- 0.10	0.17
North American	322.70	342.30	+ 1.10	
Far East	269.60	288.30	- 0.10	0.61
UK Smaller Cos	250.90	268.30	+ 1.10	1.07
European	119.00	126.60	- 0.60	0.40
Japanese Growth	37.21	39.43	- 0.12	
High Income	270.70	289.30†	+ 2.00	3.51
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	289.60	306.10†	+ 0.70	
European Inc	123.70	130.90†	- 0.50	0.10
Smaller Cos (4-1)	110.90	118.00†	+ 3.80	1.75
Growth	681.00	725.50†	+ 7.40	1.78
Income & Growth #	577.10	614.00	+ 6.40	4.17
-do- Accum #	901.50	959.10	+ 8.90	4.17
Japan & Gen	58.83	62.35	- 0.50	
Hallmark Gwth	1502.00	1565.00	+ 5.00	1.47
-do- Accum	1877.00	1956.00	+ 6.00	1.47
Special Sits	157.70	167.80	+ 1.70	1.75
High Yield	1871.00	1929.00	+ 19.00	3.71
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	116.38	124.05	+ 0.37	2.25
American Portfolio	161.51	171.25	- 0.47	0.70
European Portfolio	167.89	178.46	- 1.03	0.39
High Income	55.53	58.44	- 0.05	6.54
Japanese Portfolio	56.42	59.81†	- 0.16	
Pacific Portfolio	151.19	162.48	- 0.11	0.74
UK Equity	116.22	124.12	+ 0.62	2.89
UK Equity & Bd	67.61	71.66	+ 0.31	4.94
UK Smlr Cos	53.79	57.53†	+ 0.18	1.65
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	927.26	941.28		3.69
Inv Fd Acc	948.41	962.75		.

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Fxd Int Sec Inc	162.52	163.18		8.76
Fxd Int Sec Acc	169.90	170.58	.	.
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	922.17	936.11	.	3.72
Investment Acc	4391.91	4458.29	..	..
Fixed Int Inc	134.27	134.81		8.60
Fixed Int Acc	261.07	262.11		.
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Beckman Intl	94.52	98.44		5.04
Beck Bio-Tech	45.76	49.38		
Acorn Ethical Tst	221.86	232.97	...	0.40
City Fin Assets	93.52	98.20	+ 3.11	1.72
City Fin Intl	95.76	100.56	.	0.06
Friars Hse Cap	367.87	391.35	+ 12.05	1.59
Buckley Wrld Gth	157.52	165.97†	.	.
Shaw Utilities	80.70	82.52	+ 1.41	4.22
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin. 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	64.51	68.45	+ 0.76	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	100.86	107.30	+ 0.35	.
Dragon Growth	68.48	71.10	- 0.29	0.56
Equity High Inc	113.74	120.35†	+ 0.88	3.40
-do- Accum	170.76	180.69	+ 1.33	3.40
Extra Income Inc	28.76	30.29	+ 0.16	6.17
Extra Income Acc	33.00	34.75	+ 0.18	6.17
European Gwth	84.13	89.03	- 0.15	0.07
Evergreen	36.87	39.43	- 0.18	
General Equity	134.05	141.48	+ 1.09	2.42
Japan Growth	39.31	41.82	- 0.88	.
Pedigree Gwth	79.82	84.46	+ 0.70	1.91
Pxd Sm Cos Inc	41.51	43.93	+ 0.05	1.41
-do- Accum	44.46	47.05	+ 0.05	1.41
Retirement Inc #	33.89	36.05	+ 0.28	5.24
Special Sits	54.61	58.72	+ 0.20	3.04
UK & Overseas	72.41	76.82	+ 0.05	0.53
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	81.93	85.34†	· 0.01	3.62
Capital	101.63	105.86†	+ 0.36	2.08
High Income	56.17	58.51†	+ 0.16	6.32
Top 50	73.22	76.27†	+ 0.20	2.11
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	223.31	232.64†	- 3.50	4.15
Long Gilt	48.75	50.75†	- 0.98	5.42
Monthly Inc Plus	56.44	58.80†	- 0.33	7.62
Preference Share	53.87	55.91†	- 1.08	6.97
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	162.54	169.33†	- 1.00	5.29
Managed Fund	88.34	92.03†	- 0.73	2.46
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	52.43	54.62	+ 0.05	1.55
-do- Accum	62.71	65.33	+ 0.07	1.55
UK & General	123.40	128.56†	- 0.38	2.19
-do- Accum	165.27	172.17†	+ 1.24	2.19
UK Growth	245.93	256.20	+ 1.75	1.53
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	274.13	285.58	- 0.62	0.47
Far Eastern Gth	126.63	131.92	- 0.69	0.21
Global Bond	73.84	78.92†	- 1.95	6.68
Japan Growth	102.54	108.82	- 0.72	
North Amer Gth	305.34	318.10	+ 2.35	
Oriental Growth	79.49	82.80	- 0.31	0.59
Worldwide Growth	85.25	88.81	+ 0.23	0.29
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Disposal Fund	91.42	91.42†	- 2.15	6.20
Homemaker Fund	106.95	112.72	+ 0.56	1.91
Quilter Fund	182.37	194.01†	+ 1.11	1.63
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	40.38	43.15†	.	2.87
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	199.40	212.10	- 0.60	1.69
Income	87.18	92.74	- 0.03	3.71
European	96.40	102.55	- 1.03	0.14
Recovery	200.90	213.70	+ 0.90	1.93
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dcl	1167.10	1186.20		3.03
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
European Inc	87.78	93.13	+ 0.27	0.34
Fellowship Tst	118.30	125.80†	+ 0.40	1.16
Income #	343.00	364.80	+ 2.30	3.77
-do- Accum #	932.60	992.10	+ 8.10	3.77
Smaller Cos	230.90	245.60	+ 0.90	0.75
-do- Accum	288.50	306.90	+ 1.10	0.75
Gth Portfolio	117.30	124.70†	+ 0.60	1.27
High Inc Port #	100.30	106.70†	+ 0.70	3.91
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Global Sm Cos	1942.40	1963.60		0.52
UK Small Cos	2294.10	2383.10		2.88
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	251.30	259.10	..	.
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	216.00	229.70	+ 4.00	1.41
UK High Inc Inc	231.10	245.80	+ 4.50	2.90
-do- Accum	322.00	342.50	+ 6.10	2.90
UK Pref & F I Inc	64.71	68.69	+ 0.06	5.39
Envrnmtl Opps	129.60	137.80	+ 2.00	0.73
UK Smlr Cos	75.67	80.50†	+ 0.38	0.84
Extra Income Inc	54.21	57.66†	+ 0.44	6.06
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
Convertibles #	24.98	26.54†	+ 0.24	5.38
Enterprise	121.70	129.00	+ 0.30	1.94
Equity Income #	174.20	185.10†		3.46
European	77.57	82.07	- 0.31	..
Financial	72.20	76.71†	- 0.22	1.30
Growth & Inc #	355.80	378.00†	- 0.50	2.30
High Dist #	223.20	237.20	.	3.58
International	469.00	498.30	- 0.30	0.20
Int Cap Inc	128.20	136.90	- 0.30	1.97
Latin American	43.43	46.14†	+ 0.60	.
Mgd Gwth Port	98.76	103.20		4.84
Pacific	84.84	90.14	- 0.97	.
Pref High Inc	25.41	27.00	+ 0.08	6.67
Tokyo	178.80	189.00†	· 3.80	
UK Smaller Cos	254.00	269.90	+ 1.00	1.11
Japan Sm Cos	285.90	302.80	- 8.60	.
Nth Amer	560.10	581.80	- 1.80	0.50
UK Inc & Gth	322.20	343.50	- 1.30	2.16
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BRI Director Dlgs	128.76	139.68	+ 6.97	0.96
Growth Acc	328.01	349.39	+ 14.43	0.19
Income	622.08	663.41	+ 4.30	5.61
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	259.10	275.60		0.92
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	116.85	123.00	- 0.82	1.41
Ethical Tst	56.38	59.35	- 0.27	0.76
Far Eastern	284.46	299.43	- 2.85	1.49
High Income	174.49	183.67	+ 0.71	4.02
UK Index Trcing	67.50	71.05	+ 0.13	2.38
Intl Growth	156.30	164.53	- 0.73	1.26
North American	193.53	203.72†	- 1.28	1.41
Pelican	183.48	193.14	+ 0.34	2.51
Smaller Cos	73.63	77.50	- 0.16	2.26
Special Sits	91.10	95.89†	+ 0.14	3.14
Tst of Inv Tsts	243.88	256.72	+ 0.37	1.46
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	129.88	136.74	+ 3.27	
Fd of Inv Tsts	59.87	63.52	+ 0.72	0.46
High Income #	42.03	44.57	+ 0.47	11.22
Warr & Gi Opps	54.09	58.16†	+ 0.73	
Zero Preference	48.34	51.29	+ 0.15	..
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	119.10	126.60	+ 2.00	2.10
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Income Funds				
High Income	31.36	32.93	+ 0.25	4.68
Income Plus	169.50	180.30†	+ 2.30	3.32
European Income	62.45	66.35	- 0.14	1.69
Moneybuilder Gwth	39.65	39.93†	+ 0.35	2.89
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	38.65	41.23	- 0.34	
American	431.10	457.60	- 1.30	.
Amer Spec Sits	257.10	273.90	- 2.60	
Japan Smaller Cos	21.74	23.10	- 0.39	..
European	301.50	320.60	1.10	0.42
European Opps	109.90	116.80	- 0.50	0.48
Global Priv	39.93	42.46	- 0.07	0.39
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Japan	177.20	187.60	- 2.00	
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Recovery	71.52	76.05	+ 0.54	1.79
South E Asia	197.40	210.30†	+ 0.30	0.92
Special Sits	867.40	922.30†	+ 8.80	0.48
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Cash Accum Units	121.26	121.26	+ 0.05	6.50
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0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	173.10	175.00†		1.58
Fixed Int Pfd Inc #	108.90	109.70†	+ 1.20	6.02
Cap Ptolio	196.10	197.80	+ 0.50	0.08
General Opps	166.90	168.20		2.96
Growth Inc	47.08	47.62	+ 0.46	1.55
Private Portfolio	570.80	577.20†		1.07
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 386 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	170.70	190.90	- 1.70	
High Income	24.13	25.63†	+ 0.09	8.78
Japan Smlr Cos	13.68	14.66	- 0.30	.
US Smaller Cos	546.90	580.70	- 0.80	
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
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American Growth	105.30	111.60	- 0.30	
-do- Accum	105.30	111.60	- 0.30	.
Amer Smlr Cos	823.40	875.00†	- 3.00	.
-do- Accum	841.20	893.90†	- 3.00	
Capital Tst	411.80	437.90†	+ 2.40	1.26
-do- Accum	612.50	651.60†	+ 3.30	1.26
Cont'l Smlr Cos	68.78	73.38	- 0.26	1.03
-do- Accum	73.81	78.75	- 0.28	1.03
Convertible	149.50	159.00	+ 0.90	5.38
-do- Accum	338.70	360.30	+ 2.10	5.38
Emerging Markets	78.10	83.44	- 1.12	0.54
-do- Accum	78.72	84.10	- 1.14	0.54
European	194.20	205.60	- 1.40	0.40
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Extra Income	482.10	512.90	+ 4.00	3.99
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-do- Accum	104.30	107.50	- 0.40	7.04
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-do- Accum	306.80	327.80	- 0.50	
Income & Growth	281.70	299.70	+ 2.00	3.54
-do- Accum	460.90	490.30	+ 3.30	3.54
Intl Growth	496.30	528.30	- 1.20	
-do- Accum	551.10	586.60	- 1.40	
Japan & Gen	149.10	158.20	- 1.90	.
-do- Accum	150.60	159.80	- 2.00	.
Monthly Inc #	242.80	258.30†	+ 1.30	4.26
-do- Accum #	251.20	267.20†	+ 1.30	4.26
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-do- Accum	154.60	162.70	+ 0.20	1.21
Quarterly Income #	66.03	70.58†	+ 0.54	5.07
-do- Accum #	79.35	84.84†	+ 0.66	5.07
Recovery	353.80	378.40	- 2.10	
-do- Accum	417.60	446.60	- 2.70	.
UK Growth	80.13	85.24	+ 0.51	1.79
-do- Accum	88.54	94.19	+ 0.57	1.79
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FP American	79.62	84.61	+ 0.77	
FP Am Smlr Cos	242.50	258.60	+ 2.00	.
FP Asian Growth	256.20	272.30	+ 0.50	
FP Australian	489.30	521.90†	- 2.50	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Emrg Mkts Gwth	89.73	95.20	+ 0.31	
Japan Growth	50.52	53.58	- 0.70	.
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-do- Accum @	1568.00	1568.00	+ 8.00	1.99
Equity Income #	124.30	124.30†	+ 0.60	4.35

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
PAM Mg Bal Gth	78.73	81.97†	+ 0.75	0.19
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	356.20	375.20	+4.500	.
-do- Accum	380.90	401.30	+5.000	
American Opps	151.30	160.30	+1.000	
-do- Accum	153.20	162.30	+1.000	
British Blue Chip	123.80	131.40†	-2.500	2.29
-do- Accum	164.10	174.30†	+3.400	2.29
Cash	101.10	101.10	-0.100	6.59
-do- Accum	155.10	156.10	-0.100	6.59
Emerging Mkts	163.80	176.10	-0.900	0.17
-do- Accum	166.20	178.70	+1.100	0.17

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Gilt @	98.79	98.79	- 0.39	5.96
Global Growth @	90.80	90.80	- 0.21	..
Intl Bond @	49.76	49.76†	- 0.22	5.35
Japanese @	62.93	62.93	- 0.78	.
North American @	269.70	269.70	+ 1.10	
Pacific Growth @	115.30	115.30†	- 0.80	0.35
Pacific Index @	44.21	44.21†	- 0.36	2.24
UK Index @	97.96	97.96	+ 0.61	2.50
UK Recovery @	137.70	137.70	+ 0.80	1.45
UK Smaller Cos @	175.00	175.00†	+ 0.70	1.10
US Index @	112.80	112.80	+ 0.30	0.75
European Index @	117.80	117.60†	- 0.40	1.03
Japan Index @	32.14	32.14	- 0.32	
Worldwide @	115.80	115.80	+ 0.20	0.96
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Growth	70.62	75.52	+ 0.37	1.94
Income	82.73	88.48	+ 0.65	3.56
Far East	42.06	44.98	- 0.33	
North American	172.20	183.60	+ 0.70	
Global	102.69	109.70	- 0.70	0.29
European	130.50	139.30	- 0.70	0.58

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Growth	422.30	448.80	+2.500	0.43
-do- Accum	460.90	487.80	+2.700	0.43
European Income	104.80	110.90	+0.500	3.65
-do- Accum	157.80	167.20	+0.800	3.65
General	731.80	778.00†	+14.60	2.03
-do- Accum	1527.00	1623.00†	+31.00	2.03
Global Bond	129.10	136.70†	+0.200	4.22
-do- Accum	179.60	189.70†	+0.200	4.22
Gold & General	158.30	167.70	+1.200	0.44
-do- Accum	161.70	173.60	+1.400	0.44
Govt Securities	100.50	103.60		5.48
-do- Accum	221.10	228.00	+0.100	5.48
High Yield Bd	109.00	111.60†	+0.900	6.13
-do- Accum	122.30	125.10†	+1.000	6.13
Income	241.50	256.60†	+5.200	3.51
-do- Accum	414.80	440.60†	+8.800	3.51
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Intl Opps	671.00	715.70	+4.100	0.69
-do- Accum	911.60	972.60	+5.700	0.69
Japan	165.80	176.60	- 0.80	
-do- Accum	170.00	181.30	- 0.80	
New Europe	294.20	313.80	+3.600	0.89
-do- Accum	308.70	329.30	+3.600	0.89
Pacific	98.56	105.20	+0.100	0.21
-do- Accum	106.30	113.40		0.21
Recovery	560.10	597.40	+8.100	1.52

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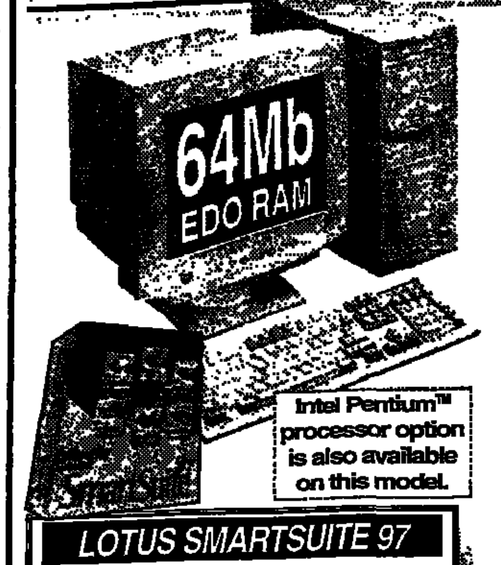

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Rodney Hobson on an express way to help small businesses to export

FOUR carriage-loads of businessmen and women, many seeking to export for the first time, will travel by Eurostar to trade shows in Paris next month.

The trip has been organised jointly by the Department of Trade and Industry and Lloyds Bank. If it is successful, it will be repeated to other European destinations.

The DTI approached Lloyds with the idea after working with the bank on several seminars on exporting and marketing for small businesses. The trip will include 100 Lloyds customers drawn from all over Britain and 100 businesses applying through Business Links.

Most of the places have already been snapped up for the one-day trip from Waterloo station, London, on October 15, but there is still room for applicants. Tickets cost £99.

France was chosen partly because it is a leading export market, taking £17 billion of British goods per year, and partly because five major annual trade shows will all be held at the same time.

Visitors on the trip will split between automotive, electronics, interior decorating, international tourism and technology. Companies selling consumer goods will have the chance to visit stores.

On the way over the travellers will receive practical help and guidance from experts and get the chance to talk to businesses that trade successfully with France.

Among the Lloyds Bank customers making the crossing is a Liverpool company making upmarket shower units that fire jets of water from all four corners of the cubicles. It already exports to America but is looking to break into the continental market.

Other companies have only begun to think about exporting. The DTI and Lloyds Bank have targeted small and medium-sized companies that believe barriers such as language will prevent them from selling abroad.

Anthony Lunch, the DTI's export promoter for France, says: "It is the UK's third-largest export market and there is a good deal of untapped potential. Many companies that trade well in the UK are not sure how to sell their product or service abroad."

Anthony Lunch, left, and Michaël Riding, will be taking business people to France on the Eurostar

Michael Riding, managing director of Lloyds Bank Commercial Service, says: "Discovering new markets is a major barrier for many companies, yet only 50 per cent of UK businesses export. We are trying to get people at an early stage across a wide range of businesses. When you have got a whole group like that together they will encourage each other and provide mutual support."

He added: "If you are thinking of selling overseas for the first time it helps to be part of a business party."

Brochures and booking forms for the "Starburst Express" are available from the DTI's French Desk on 0171-215 4903.

Upbeat project to help retailers

By Brian Collett

SMALL retailers in North London are to be helped by European money in their fight to regain trade lost to large shopping complexes.

Profits in many high streets have been cut by the booming complexes, and North London has suffered particularly badly since Brent Cross was built on its doorstep and Lakeside was established 30 minutes' drive away in Thurrock, Essex.

The European Commission has pumped more than £600,000 into a two-year initiative called Upbeat — the Urban Partnership in Barnet and Enfield to Adapt Town Centres — under its Adapt scheme, aimed at helping employers and employees to meet change and to improve traders' competitiveness.

Upbeat, budgeted at £1.45 million and led by the North London Chamber of Commerce, will start on January 1, targeting 11 shopping centres in Barnet and four in Enfield.

The project will give training in business planning, marketing, customer service and new technology. Centres offering advice and guidance for small businesses are planned for the selected areas.

Peter Starling, manager of the Upbeat project, said: "Perhaps the smaller retailers have lost out on training, but they have got to go prepared into the 21st century."

The training could cover anything from better presentation to improving telephone techniques. Retailers may be encouraged to stay open later to compete with the big centres.

Another reason for helping the high streets is that people may soon be deterred from travelling by traffic jams and will return to their local shops.

One condition of the Adapt funding is that partners are found in other European Union countries. The Upbeat organisers will exchange information with towns facing similar problems in France, Italy and Greece.

Upbeat's contributors include Barnet and Enfield councils, Barnet College, Boots, ICL and the North London Training and Enterprise Council.

In Barnet the council has given Upbeat a head-start with a separate £1 million scheme to improve shopping centres.

Another Adapt beneficiary is neighbouring Haringey, where the council has been granted £225,000 for the revival of Wood Green shopping centre.

Record numbers expected at franchise show

By Rodney Hobson

THIS year's National Franchise Exhibition, opening at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, on Friday, will be the biggest yet.

More than 200 exhibitors have booked stands, beating last year's record of just under 200, when 12,000 visitors were attracted to the three-day event. A series of free seminars will run alongside the exhibition. Sir Bernard Ingham, the chief press secretary of Margaret Thatcher when she was Prime Minister and now president of the British Franchise Association, will open the event. The association is sponsoring the show, which is organised by Miller Freeman.

Investments start at £3,000 but can be much higher for well-established names and for those that involve buying property.

Burger King, the fast food chain owned by Grand Metropolitan, will be exhibiting at the annual event for the first time. About 80 per cent of its 430 UK restaurants are franchised. Franchises cost a one-off fee of about £26,000 plus a 5 per cent royalty on all sales. The average cost of premises is £450,000 and the franchisee is expected to put up 35 per cent of the total cost.

The rival burger chain, McDonald's will be back, alongside Wimpy and Domino's Pizza.

Other well-known franchise systems that will be exhibiting include Prontaprint, Red Star, Chemical Express, Signs Express and Dyno-Rod. They will be joined by the high street banks.

Newcomers to the NEC include Häagen-Dazs Cafés, the ice-cream chain, and Bang & Olufsen, the international hi-fi specialist.

Hammicks Bookshops, which has 25 high street branches and three legal bookshops, is using the exhibition to launch the first stage of an expansion programme. Hammicks decided this month to turn to franchising as part of its strategy to meet the competition that is threatening traditional bookshops since the ending of the Net Book Agreement.

Potential franchisees will take a two-month training programme to learn about buying, merchandising, promotions, seasonal trends, staff recruitment and shop management. A total investment of about £165,000, including a personal input of £60,000, will be required.

☐ CII, the organiser of the exhibition, is running a franchise exhibition in Dublin on November 7 and 8. Next year's events include shows at Manchester in February, London in April and Glasgow in June.

Questions and notepad essential

THE organisers of the franchise exhibition have issued a set of guidelines for visitors who are considering becoming franchisees.

Before you arrive:

☐ Be sure how much you can afford to invest.

☐ Make a list of the franchisers you want to meet.

☐ Make a list of the questions you want to ask and bring a notepad so you can write down information.

At the exhibition, take advantage of the free advice on offer and talk to as many companies as you can. Check out the competition in the industry that you are interested in.

Take time to consider franchises carefully and ask to speak to existing franchisees.

Do not expect exhibitors to give you an instant answer to whether you are suitable for a franchise. Likewise, the franchiser should not pressure you to make a commitment or ask for money.

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BRIEFINGS

Christopher Jones, 20, was named Britain's most enterprising student for devising an ink management policy for Clear View Ltd, a small firm of flexible packing suppliers in Hornsey, North London, during an eight-week project assignment in the summer vacation.

Mr Jones, of Wood Green, who is studying astrophysics at University College London, was one of 1,539 students taking part in the Shell Technology Enterprise Programme — the largest so far. He won his £1,000 prize for assessing unlabelled stock, cataloguing surplus supplies and looking at ways to re-use them. This has saved the firm money and space, and created a full-time job for a chemist.

☐ League tables showing the payment records of large companies are to be compiled by the Federation of Small Businesses and Dun & Bradstreet, the business information company. The first table is due in the middle of next year.

☐ Midland Bank has appointed South Asian banking managers at branches in the City, Harrow, Southall, Birmingham, Leicester and Manchester. Further teams will be appointed at other branches — including East London, Coventry, Bradford and Glasgow — early next year.

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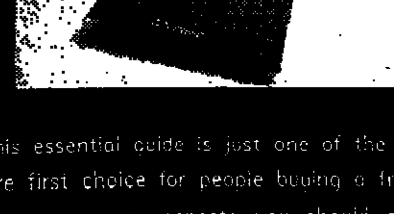
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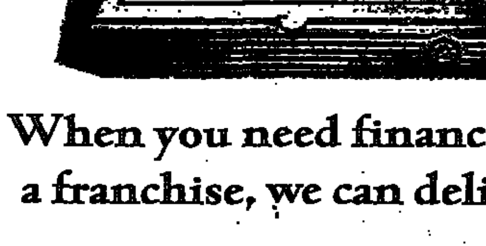
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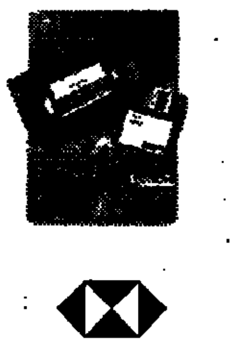

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Safety is a driving issue

How safe does a car have to be before the eyes of the law, asks **Shane Sayers**

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The Mercedes in which Diana, Princess of Wales, died, calls into question the safety of the majority of vehicles

Anyone who saw the remains of the car in which Diana, Princess of Wales, Dodi Fayed and their driver, Henri Paul, died will have had their own thoughts. As time passes, some may reflect upon the safety of their Mercedes and the fact that it provided sufficient protection to save any of the passengers' lives in a crash at that speed. The bodyguard survived not only from the construction of the car, but also the seatbelt and airbag.

For many, this is the level of safety and protection that they have come to expect. For the legal profession the more pertinent question is the extent to which car manufacturers may face increasing pressure to produce vehicles that meet these expectations.

Most people have read about the various tests that manufacturers undertake when developing vehicles. Everyone has seen the shots of the test dummies in slow motion. We have "faith" in the manufacturers and for them this is the dilemma. How safe can they make cars? How safe is "safe"?

The difficulty for car manufacturers lies in the culture that they play only a part in developing. All cars could be made "safer". A limitation on top speed or the replacement of the steering wheel with a "joystick" control set off to the side would both greatly reduce the number of accidents each year. Chest injuries caused by the driver's collision with the steering wheel is still a major cause of injury.

The problem lies in the public's acceptance of these ideas and the according benefit to the industry. The manufacturers are faced with a dilemma. They have to compromise and balance the consumers' demands, including the call for lower prices, with the need to develop safer vehicles. Additional safety costs money. Even accepted safety features, including side impact protection and airbags, increase costs without necessarily increasing sales.

The problem facing the manufacturers rests with the fact that the question of safety is not judged against an objective, fixed or technical standard. It involves a moveable feast. The views of the consumer form the standard of safety applied by the courts and therefore change with the times.

There is evidence that they take safety seriously; although not to do so, of course, could give rise to claims. In May 1992, product recalls included: 864 new Porsche cars for a potential "cruise control" problem (US); 120,000 Golf and Vento models because of faulty electrical cables by Volkswagen (US); and 170,000 Citroën BX owners asked to take cars in for free brake checks (UK).

Makers need to develop safer but cheaper cars

Quite apart from any contractual liability manufacturers face claims by consumers under the Consumer Protection Act 1987 which implemented the 1985 Product Liability Directive (85/374/EEC). Liability under the Consumer Protection Act is identified in Article 1. *"The producer shall be liable for damage caused by a defect in its product."*

It was by virtue of the introduction of the Consumer Protection Act 1987 that the concept of a strict liability was introduced in relation to consumers' claims. The Act identifies a product as defective if it "does not provide the safety which a person is entitled to expect, having regard to all the circumstances including the presentation of the product". This involves the introduction of an objective standard which is entirely dependent upon the public understanding of safety. The "presentation" includes the manufacturers' advertising.

For the above reasons motor manufacturers face the possibility of being judged against a public standard of safety which they have largely formed through the media.

The introduction of the "Kill Speed" campaign illustrates a further problem. The public's belief in the cocooned safety of modern vehicles has led to a feeling that a crash at 60, 70 or even 120 miles per hour is a survivable event as long as seatbelts and airbags are in place. They are wrong.

It is therefore essential that manufacturers take stock, step back from the glossy campaigns and keep safety in perspective. If they do not, they have to take their share of the blame as more drivers exceed the speed limit with greater regularity and risk facing claims on the basis that vehicles are not as safe as the public are "entitled to expect".

Likewise, the Government should continue to be at the vanguard of safety developments. We should learn from the benefits that were obtained from the "compulsory" introduction of seatbelts.

It is of course important that consumers understand that while manufacturers appreciate the virtues of various innovative safety elements in the construction of their vehicles, most accidents are caused by the driver and not by the vehicle. Unrealistic expectations diminish the drivers' awareness of his responsibility in respect of driving the vehicle safely. In the long term the public's expectations in relation to vehicle safety will almost certainly exceed the efforts made by the manufacturers themselves.

It may be worth noting the need to temper advertising in relation to vehicle safety against the very real fact that in the end a vehicle is only as safe as the person who is behind the wheel.

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The problem with the thin grey line

ROGER EDE

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, has announced plans to speed up the criminal justice system. Our adversarial system is roundly criticised for failing to deliver guilty people to justice. As an example of this, an editorial in *Police Review* supported a reduction in the disclosure to the defence of material obtained during the police investigation. It claimed that defence lawyers used such material to concoct defences, bamboozle juries and discredit police officers.

It is not surprising that sections of the public believe that our criminal justice system is characterised by defendants who, encouraged by their lawyers and at great expense to the taxpayer, protest their innocence at jury trials, despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary. A police officer writing in *Police Review* once likened the prosecution and the defence to medieval knights, fighting it out until the bitter end.

The facts show that this picture of the criminal justice system is far from the truth. The system is built upon agreement rather than resistance. Most suspects do not ask for legal representation in the police station. Instead of maintaining their innocence, the vast majority of defendants plead guilty. Most of the trials which take place are decided by magistrates, not jurors. Defence solicitors are in the main paid a standard fee which penalises them for spinning out a case unnecessarily.

For every nine cases which are completed in the magistrates' court, only one is sent to the Crown Court. Out of a group of ten magistrates' court defendants, eight will plead guilty, one will be convicted in his or her absence and only one will take part in a trial. Only one in four of those who are tried will be acquitted: a mere 2 per cent of the total caseload. Only 1 per cent of the one million cases which are decided by magistrates each year go on to an appeal.

In the Crown Court, the position is much the same. A similarly high proportion of defendants plead guilty. Of those who do not, 60 per cent are convicted, at a trial which is unlikely to last more than one day.

The Government has just announced that it will accept most of the recommendations of the Review of the Delay in the Criminal Justice System (the Narey Report) to speed up justice. These include dealing with "straightforward guilty plea cases" the day after charge (rather than bailing the defendant to appear in court some weeks later) and allowing non-lawyers employed by the CPS to review "super abbreviated" files prepared by the police, decide whether a prosecution should be brought and present uncontested cases in the magistrates' court. These prosecutors will be based permanently in police stations, putting their independence to the test. As many as two thirds of magistrates' court cases could be completed in this way.

Courts are already required to consider rewarding an early guilty plea with a reduced sentence. From tomorrow, the Government will implement a new mode of trial provisions, under which defendants will be asked to indicate whether they are guilty or not before a decision is made about whether the case should be sent to the Crown Court.

Moves to speed up criminal cases should be supported. But our criminal justice system relies heavily upon the compliance of those whom it accuses. With an unashamedly partisan police service, these changes make it even more important that visible safeguards exist to ensure that innocent defendants are not pressured into pleading guilty because they mistakenly believe that this is the best or the only course to take.

Defendants need to be advised whether they are guilty in law, whether there is adequate evidence against them, and how they can defend themselves. Defence solicitors, who currently give this advice, are the thin grey line who stand between the innocent defendant and a mistaken plea of guilty.

The importance of the solicitor's role is not matched by the information on which the solicitor is expected to base his or her advice. In the police station the investigator will disclose as little of the police case as possible. At court, the solicitor will only be given a "short descriptive note" of the interview with the defendant and the few witness statements which will be in the "super abbreviated file".

In a consultation paper published last year, the Labour Party proposed the withdrawal of publicly funded legal representation from youth courts "where the defendant admitted the charge or there was no serious dispute over the facts surrounding an offence". They now promise fundamental changes for youth courts and the entire criminal justice process is under almost continuous review. Dangerous talk that defence lawyers obstruct justice, combined with a wish to speed cases up, must not mislead the Government into thinking that it can dispense with this thin grey line in uncontested cases and still have any sort of justice system.

● *The author is the Secretary of the Law Society's Criminal Law Committee.*

INNS AND OUTS

Fat cat attack

THE Bar may think twice about inviting a politician as their speaker next year. Home Office assurances that Jack Straw's speech was a "vision of criminal justice in the 21st century" gave no hint as to his attack on "fat cat" legal aid lawyers. Robert Owen, QC, the Bar Chairman, first heard of the comments on morning news bulletins. Of course, the onslaught eclipsed Mr Owen's own warning to the Government not to proceed with expanding "no win, no fee" work without more research. He effectively accused Geoff Hoon, junior Minister at the Lord Chancellor's Department, of citing a report on the scheme selectively and overlooking problems raised.

Vice position

HEATHER HALLETT, QC, is poised to become Bar Chairman at the end of the year. But who will succeed her as vice-chairman? Nominations close this week but names in the ring include an unprecedented number of silks. Two commercial QCs, Julian Malins and Jonathan Hirst, are in the running, as is one of the country's top personal injury barristers, Daniel Brennan, and the criminal practitioner and Western Circuit leader Nigel Pascoe, who chairs the Bar's public relations committee. Predicting the outcome is never easy, but on paper at least Mr Hirst, chairman of the Bar Council's influential professional standards committee and a member of Brick Court Chambers, which specialises in producing leaders of the Bar Council, would appear to be the obvious choice.

Eye on the ball

THE Equal Opportunities Commission is backing a claim of sex discrimination against the Football Association. The claim is being brought by Vanessa Hardwick, who has tried twice to obtain the FA advanced coaching licence. Ms Hardwick, a PE teacher, needs to obtain the licence to develop a career in football coaching and she believes the refusal is because she is a woman.

College coups

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE London is celebrating a couple of stunning coups: it has pinched Professor Ian Kennedy, president of the centre of medical law and ethics at King's College, London. Kennedy is to join its new School of Public Policy. He takes up the new chair of health law, ethics and policy tomorrow.

At the same time the law school has pulled off a prize in luring Professor Ronald Dworkin, who holds the chair of jurisprudence at Oxford University (as well as a chair at New York University) to come to its Quain chair of jurisprudence. Both men are leaders in their field — Kennedy in medico-legal matters and Dworkin as a commentator on common law, legal and moral philosophy.

Fun prospects

TEAMS of trainee solicitors can still enter the inter-firm business game, the Prospects Cup. Play starts next month. Last year the cup was won by Lovell White Durrant, but small firms can also enter. Lawyers scooped the board last year, with law firms accounting for four of the five finalists. Martineau Johnson from Birmingham narrowly missed a place in the final but won the best law firm with fewer than 20 solicitors in training.

Meanwhile, another business game has been launched by S J Berwin, the City law firm — for law students. *Boardroom Blitz*, sponsored by *The Lawyer* magazine, is aimed at second-year law undergraduates who will compete in teams of five.

Model of cultural success

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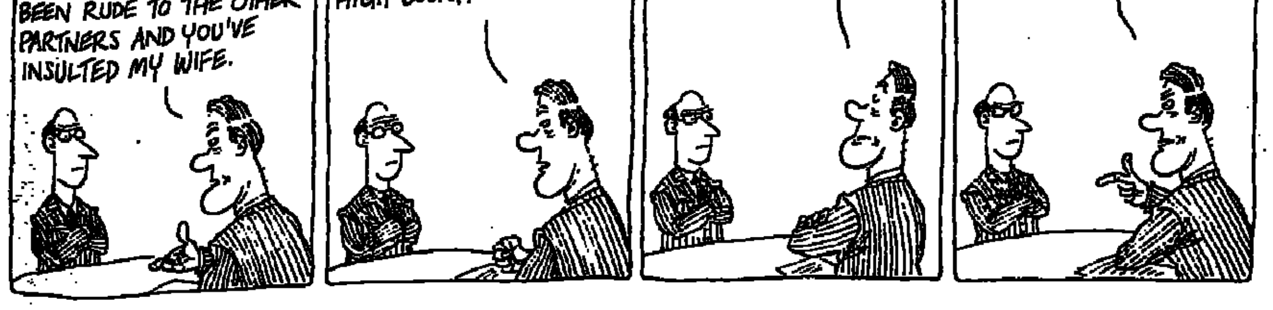
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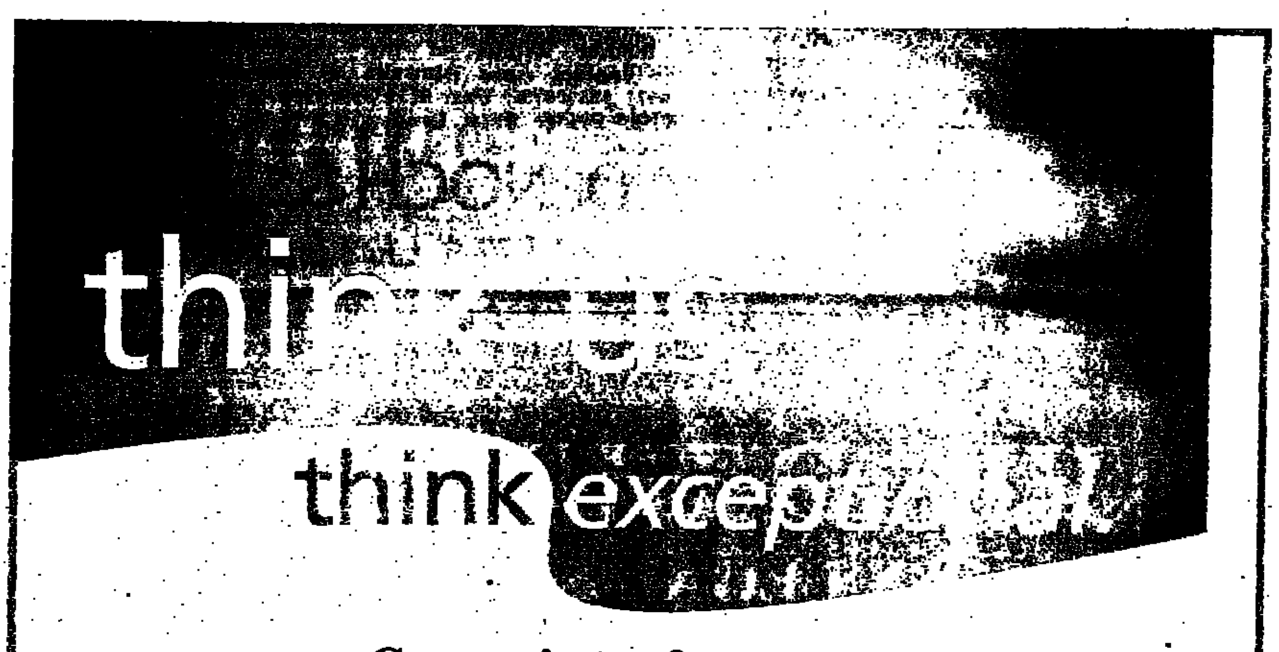

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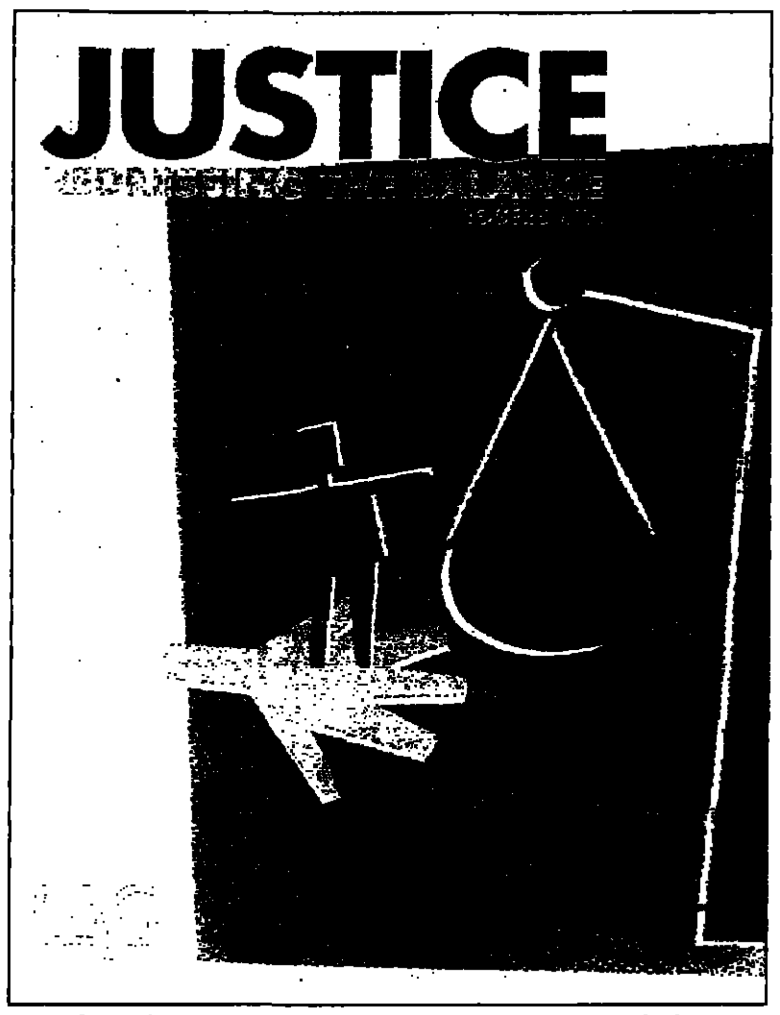
The challenge is to provide justice for all in Britain

Could better education about the law help individuals to solve their own problems? **Roger Smith** reports



The author suggests ways to provide better access to the law

The Lord Chancellor will shortly make a series of key decisions that will transform the £1.5 billion legal aid scheme. To keep within inherited spending estimates, expenditure must be wrestled to a halt. This can be done only by radical change to the present demand-led budget. In doing this, heed must also be paid to less visible political imperatives: the improvement and reshaping of services.

Lord Irvine of Lairg does not want for advice. He inherits the previous administration's blueprint for reform, released as a White Paper last summer. In the fashion of his Government, the Lord Chancellor has also commissioned his own review. To do this, he chose Sir Peter Middleton, chairman of Barclays Bank and former Permanent Secretary to the *Treasury, thereby giving a pretty clear* message.

Mechanisms will doubtless be found for controlling the budget. Less evident is acceptance of the need radically to improve services. Civil legal aid is a mess at almost every level. Eligibility is so low that solicitors have to tell significant numbers of victims of domestic violence that they have no effective legal remedy. Contributions can be draconian. A person in receipt of family credit may be required to pay most of it to the Legal Aid Board. Families face coroners' inquests without legal representation. People appear in a range of tribunals without help, even in the most difficult cases.

Remedying these problems requires the reduction of the unit price of existing cases if there is to be no new money. Only this will release the cash for the necessary improvements. Lord Irvine has bravely turned on his own and led public debate of QCs' fees.

A simple reduction of 10 per cent in the annual receipts from legal aid of the top 13 leading counsel nets around £4 million a year alone. More broadly, the earnings of the Bar need to be examined. Legal aid provides about 30 per cent of its total turnover. Barristers achieve levels of income significantly higher than those of solicitors at comparable levels of seniority.

Solicitors cannot escape a squeeze on their incomes. The Legal Aid Board originally developed its idea of "franchising" as a contract with prefered suppliers. They were to be larger, specialist providers, the quantity and quality of whose work could be assured. Legal aid is still largely in the age of the corner shop: the savings of the supermarket should await. Within the legal aid budget, there are areas where specific savings might be made, *for example, in some kinds of Children* Act litigation.

As a result, it should be possible to create a significant fund to commission improvement even if a cap is imposed simultaneously. This might allow a much-needed extension of eligibility and scope.

We need, however, to consider some new services. For example, we can no longer run our courts on the basis that *everyone will have lawyers, either* privately or publicly funded. Litigants in person are, realistically, here to stay. We need to adapt. The Civil Justice Review in the late 1980s and Lord Woolf last year both recommended duty advice provision to be established in all major courts. New technology, in the shape of such things as interactive video kiosks, offers the opportunity for helping uncertain litigants through court procedures.

Recognition that people will have to resolve many of their own problems leads to even more fundamental examination of policy. People could do more about solving their own problems with proper education and information about the law. We should be funding expansion of advice services through such initiatives as toll-free telephone numbers where anyone can ring for initial advice and referral. In the United States, increasing use is being made of the Internet and interactive video kiosks to provide information for citizens.

At its 1995 conference, Labour adopted by acclamation a paper entitled *Access to Justice.* That argued for the transformation of legal aid into a community legal service. The Legal Action Group adds its advice to the Lord Chancellor on how that document's ideas might be put into practice along the lines above. Debate about the way forward is urgently required. The conclusions of Sir Peter Middleton's report will soon be revealed. More crucially, Lord Irvine's first decisions will be with us for Christmas.

● Justice: Redressing the Balance *by Roger Smith is published by the Legal Action Group, 242 Pentonville Road, London N1 9UN (12.45 incl p&p).*

RISING DEMAND FOR LEGAL AID

Legal assistance in non-matrimonial civil cases

	Number of bills paid 1986-87	Number of bills paid 1996-97
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Employment	19,924	20,446
Hire purchase and debt	57,529	86,730
Accidents and injuries	44,575	77,188
Landlord/tenant, housing	60,672	114,775
Other	115,788	178,945
Total	356,272	744,936

Sir Michael Ogden, QC, on compensation tables

Judges clash over damages calculations

Sir Michael Ogden, QC

When people are injured, courts often have to calculate the cost of care for life or the value of lost earnings for the rest of the victim's working life. This is done by multiplying the annual sum needed by the relevant number of years. Before it became common for judges to seek help from experts, they devised a range of such multipliers themselves. But actuaries complained that these were too low.

So, with the blessing of the Lord Chancellor, a working party was set up, drawn from legal and actuarial professions, and I was asked to be chairman. In 1984 we published tables prepared by the Government Actuary's Department (the Actuary was a member of the working party) and approved by all the actuary members. In 1994 these tables were revised in a second edition to take account of increased life expectancy and adjustments for contingencies other than mortality, such as long-term unemployment.

The idea of the so-called Ogden tables is to avoid the need for expert evidence in most cases. This requires their accuracy to be agreed. The Civil Evidence Act 1995 provides for their admissibility, without proof, and made subsequent changes the responsibility of the Government Actuary, a provision not yet in force.

The object of the Ogden tables is to provide the victim with a capital sum which, when invested, will provide as far as possible for the cost of care or loss of earnings. But there is still a question over what rate of return should be used to calculate damages. The working party — backed by the Law Commission — agreed that the victim should be entitled to invest in the most risk-free fashion; namely, index-linked government stocks. But the Court of Appeal, in a trio of recent cases, has decided that victims should not be in a better position than ordinary investors in the stock market. A House of Lords decision is pending.

It is more a philosophical question than a point of law. The Damages Act 1996 provides for the rate to be determined by the Lord Chancellor after consulting the Government Actuary and the Treasury. This is likely to happen after the Lords' decision and much argument will be saved.

> 'The idea is to avoid the need for expert evidence in most cases'

More important is a second issue. There were some comments by Lord Justice Thorpe, a former Family Division judge, in an appendix to the judgment, in which he advocated in place of the Ogden tables a different method of calculating damages (the Duxbury Method) used by family judges for decisions such as capitalisation of maintenance payments.

The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers has accepted the Ogden tables and the Association of British Insurers accepts the actuarial principles involved, even though they have reservations on some details. The insurers' views, who employ about half of all practising actuaries for pension and annuity calculations, will be taken into account in the next edition, which I have agreed to produce.

Furthermore, the view of the Government Actuary is that Duxbury is "unsound, being based on the commonly believed fallacy that an individual can be definitely expected to live for exactly the number of years represented by the expectation of life at the relevant age ... [and] results in a systematic and generally unrecognised upwards bias in the awards calculated this way". If the Government Actuary is correct, it is a very serious matter because impliedly all Family Division decisions based on Duxbury are inaccurate.

The principal editor of "At a Glance", which publishes Duxbury, has pointed out that Duxbury had been used in the Family Division for over a decade after having been invented by eminent accountants assisted by in-house actuaries. The debate cannot be resolved overnight, but I believe that all those involved in personal injuries cases should be aware of the problem before the legal term starts.

There is at least consensus in one respect which will help victims: that both methods produce higher levels of damages than did the old conventional methods used by the courts; and that those should finally be consigned to history.

● *This article is based on comments made in a speech to the London International Insurance and Re-Insurance Market Association.*

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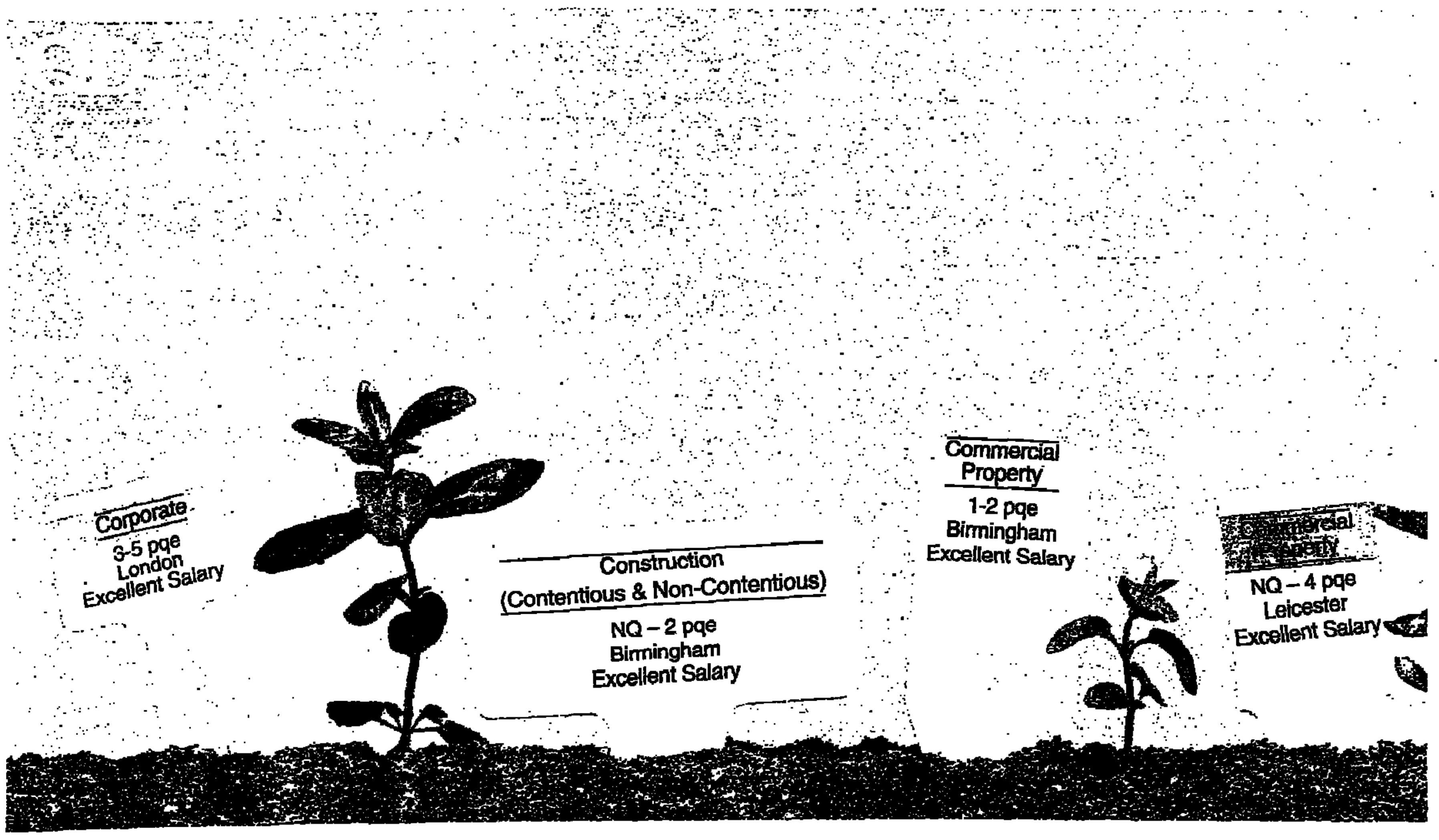

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Tampa Bay buck the trend with flying start

By Oliver Holt

AT FIRST, it was all something of a novelty. Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the team that Jimmy Johnson turned down before he became coach of Miami Dolphins, the team that none of the enthusiasts had marked down even for a berth in the play-offs, won their opening brace of games and most people thought that that would be their 15 minutes of fame for the season.

Now, though, they have done what only Denver Broncos among the rest of the National Football League (NFL) teams have done and won their first five games. Suddenly, people are talking about them in terms of championship games, even the Super Bowl, and the Buccaneers are getting blasé about it all.

After their 19-18 win over Arizona Cardinals on Sunday had propelled them to a scarcely credible 5-0 record, their coach, Tony Dungy, seemed distinctly unimpressed. "A win is a win is a win," he said. "It wasn't pretty. In fact, it was ugly. But we'll take it. It's a sign of maturity when you play poorly and still win."

The win meant that the Buccaneers matched the best start in the history of the Tampa Bay franchise. The last time that they won their first five games, in 1979, they made it to the National Football Conference championship game, their only appearance in that stage of the play-offs.

The Buccaneers were trailing 18-12 late in the game on Sunday, but took the lead when Trent Dilfer, a quarterback who is rebuilding his own reputation amid Tampa Bay's improbable run of success, rescued a poor performance with a late touchdown pass.

New England Patriots, one of the other two teams still with a 100 per cent record, did not play on Sunday, but the Broncos maintained their perfect start when they beat the woeful Atlanta Falcons, 29-21, at the Georgia Dome.

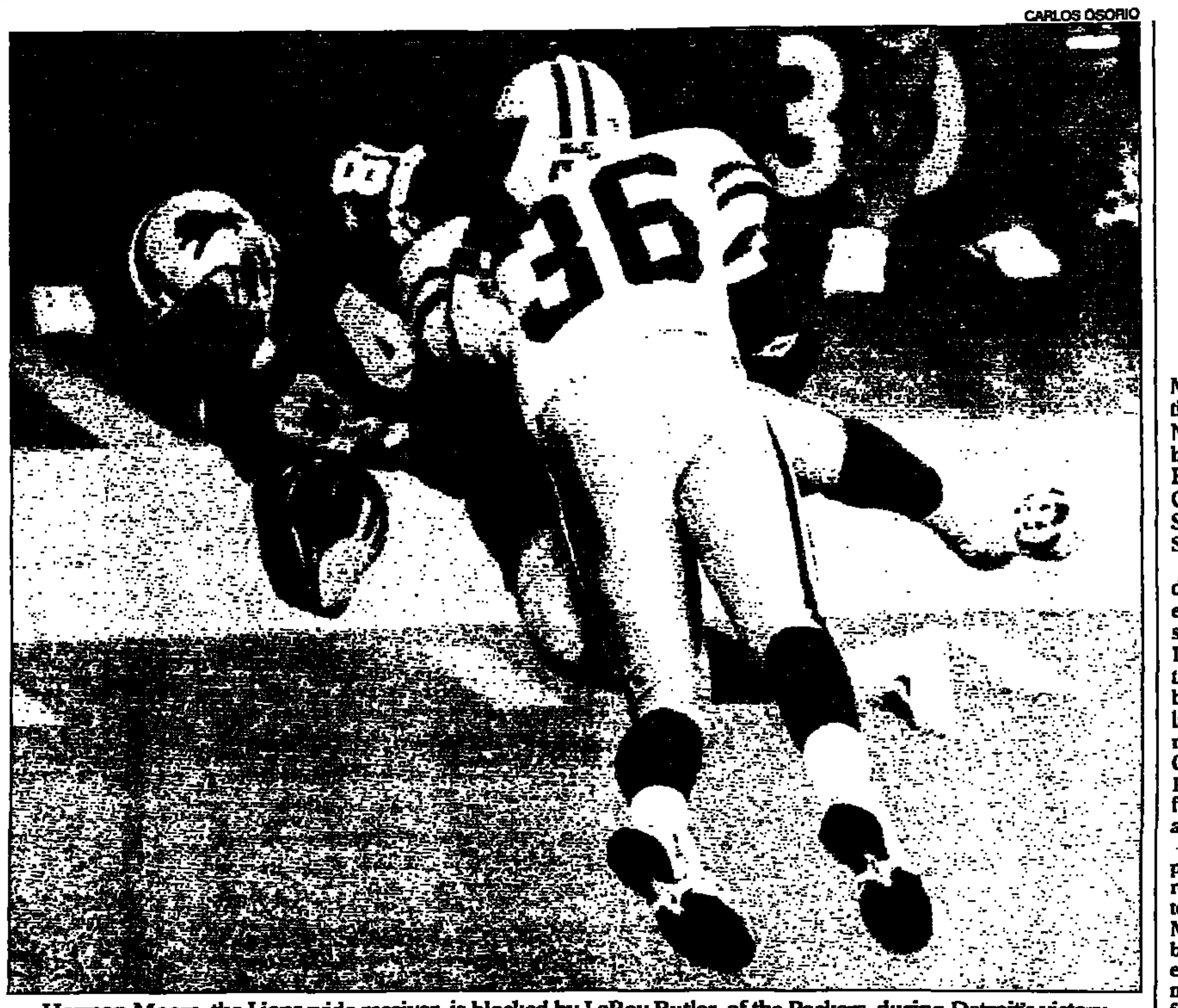
The victory was presented as a personal triumph for the Broncos' veteran quarterback, John Elway, in his meeting with Dan Reeves, the former Broncos coach, with whom he had so many bitter disagreements on the way to three Super Bowls. All were lost and Reeves is now in charge of the Falcons.

Elway threw three touchdown passes and was intercepted once in a match that left the Falcons still searching for their first win and moved Denver to within one victory of the best start in their history. They are averaging 31 points a game and have established themselves as early favourites for the Super Bowl.

"Yes, I wanted to win against Dan," Elway, who moved into fifth place in the NFL's all-time touchdown pass list, said after the game. "I was aware of that talk all week but what motivated me most was keeping us undefeated and in first place."

The Broncos have torn away the honour of being Super Bowl favourites from Green Bay Packers, the champions, who slipped to their second defeat in five games when they lost 26-15 in Detroit. Still invincible at Lambeau Field, they are showing a surprising vulnerability when they go on the road and were undone by a fine performance from Barry Sanders, the Lions running back. The game hinged on one bad play from Brett Favre, the Packers quarterback. Favre tripped as he dropped back to pass in the second quarter and threw while on his knees, but Reggie Brown, the Lions linebacker, intercepted his pass and returned it for a touchdown.

In Dallas, the team America loves and loves to hate, was even booed by its own fans for a lacklustre performance before they turned on the style and crushed Chicago Bears 27-3. Michael Irvin caught six passes and Deion Sanders, fresh from baseball duty, returned a punt for 83 yards.



CARLOS OSORIO

Herman Moore, the Lions wide receiver, is blocked by LeRoy Butler, of the Packers, during Detroit's victory

NFL DETAILS

RESULTS: Denver 29 Atlanta 21; Detroit 26 Green Bay 15; New York Giants 14 New Orleans 9; Pittsburgh 37 Tennessee 24; Tampa Bay 19 Arizona 18; Washington 24 Jacksonville 12; New York Jets 31 Cincinnati 14; Dallas 27 Chicago 3; Kansas City 20 Seattle 17 (OT); Oakland 35 St Louis 17; San Diego 21 Baltimore 17; Minnesota 28 Philadelphia 19

Not including last night's game: Carolina v San Francisco

American Conference

Eastern division

	W	L	PF	PA
New England	4	0	130	40
NY Jets	3	2	141	94
Buffalo	2	2	94	113
Miami	2	2	71	77
Indianapolis	0	4	54	115

Central division

	W	L	PF	PA
Jacksonville	3	1	110	85
Baltimore	3	2	127	92
Pittsburgh	2	2	79	104
Cincinnati	1	3	68	113
Tennessee	1	3	71	110

Western division

	W	L	PF	PA
Denver	5	0	156	72
Kansas City	4	1	108	93
Oakland	2	3	141	123
San Diego	2	3	77	116
Seattle	2	3	91	121

National Conference

Eastern division

	W	L	PF	PA
Dallas	3	1	107	55
Washington	3	1	80	49
NY Giants	2	3	84	103
Arizona	1	3	77	84
Philadelphia	1	3	66	89

Central division

	W	L	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	5	0	115	76
Detroit	3	2	120	98
Green Bay	3	2	123	110
Minnesota	3	2	135	122
Chicago	0	5	61	155

Western division

	W	L	PF	PA
San Francisco	3	1	88	39
Carolina	2	2	59	72
St Louis	2	3	94	112
New Orleans	1	4	81	122
Atlanta	0	5	82	136

ICE HOCKEY

Storm able to weather challenge by Cobras

By Norman de Mesquita

MANCHESTER Storm, although held to a 3-3 draw by Newcastle Cobras on Sunday, have won their Benson and Hedges Cup group with the Cobras in second place, Ayr Scottish Eagles third and Sheffield Steelers fourth.

Who wins the other group depends on the games this evening and it could take a slide rule to separate Cardiff Devils and Nottingham Panthers. Having lost their unbeaten record in Nottingham last Wednesday, the Devils returned the compliment in Cardiff on Sunday, beating Panthers 3-2 in a fast and furious encounter that thrilled a capacity crowd.

To retain a chance of first place, Panthers needed to reduce the deficit on the night to one goal and their coach, Mike Blaisdell, took a gamble, removing their goaltender, Trevor Robins, in the final minute to bring on an extra forward. It paid off as Jamie Leach scored with only 14 seconds on the clock.

This means that goal difference could determine the group positions and Panthers have the edge. Basingstoke Bison are third but could be overtaken by Bracknell Bees, who travel to Nottingham today.

Manchester Storm return to European competition this evening and could have done without a tough game on Sunday. Jamie Pegg scored the only goal of the first period, then Randy Smith and Rick Brebant scored in the second to give Cobras a 3-0 lead. The last period belonged to Manchester with Brad Turner, Mike Morin and Dale Jago finding the net to give Storm their point.

This evening, in their first home game in the European League this season, Storm face arguably the best club side in Europe, Moscow Dynamo. In their first game, away to Bolzano a fortnight ago, Manchester gained their first European point. They lost 6-5 but took the point because Bolzano needed overtime to secure their win.

In contrast, Moscow Dynamo, finalists in the inaugural season of the European League last year, beat Sparta Prague 4-0 with their goaltender, Ildar Moukhomedov, making 30 saves.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Britain at a loss over squad selections

By Christopher Irvine

FIFTEEN Wigan and St Helens players were yesterday added to the Great Britain squad for the forthcoming British Gas series against the Australian Super League (ASL) side. However, with Keiron Cunningham about to undergo a double hernia operation, Bobbie Goulding suspended and still no word on whether the Australian Rugby League (ARL) will release Jason Robinson and Gary Connolly, the true picture remains unclear.

Cunningham has struggled recently and his withdrawal from the St Helens party that travelled to Brisbane yesterday for their world club championship quarter-final on Saturday was inevitable. He will be unable to train for a fortnight, but still hopes to challenge James Lowes for the hooking duties at Wembley on November 1.

Goulding's suspension until the Wembley match, and the fact that Shaun Edwards requires a second knee operation in 12 months, leaves Tony Smith, one of nine Wigan players in the 44-man training squad, as the principal candidate for the scrum half position. Nigel Wright, preferred to Karle Hammond, of St Helens, as an option at stand-off half, and Simon Haughton, in a rich vein of form in the second row, are newcomers to the Britain set-up.

All the signs before last weekend were that the ARL would not release Robinson and Connolly from their contracts to play in the three-match series. Such a stance would be a blow to Britain, but with talk of compromise with the ASL once more emerging — in the possible shape of two conference-style competitions in Australia next year — the Wigan pair could be used as bargaining counters.

Connolly's immediate problem is an Achilles tendon injury, which is likely to keep him out of Wigan's home world championship match against Hunter Mariners on Friday. Edwards's operation will force him to miss the Broncos' home quarter-final against Cronulla on Sunday.

GREAT BRITAIN SQUAD: Additional players: M Cassidy, G Connolly, A Farrell, S Haughton, T O'Connor, K Radlinski, J Robinson, A Smith, N Wright (all Wigan), K Cunningham, R Goulding, A Hunte, C Joynt, P Newlove, A Sullivan (all St Helens).

New Zealand fall just short

NEW Zealand narrowly failed to snatch victory after accepting a tempting challenge set by Zimbabwe as the second and final Test ended in a draw in Bulawayo yesterday.

Needing 286 from 68 overs to win after Zimbabwe had declared their second innings at 227 for eight, New Zealand were 202 for three with 15 overs left but collapsed to 275 for eight at the close. The first Test was also drawn.

IN BRIEF

Motor racing: Jacques Villeneuve and Heinz-Harald Frentzen will drive for Williams again in 1998, Frank Williams, the team owner, confirmed yesterday.

Table tennis: The 1998 English Open, due to be staged in Kettering in January, has been cancelled because of the unavailability of world-class players. The International Table Tennis Federation decided that the players would need a longer rest after the 1997 World Professional Tour ends on December 22.

Canoeing: The Great Britain team of Paul Ratcliffe, Shaun Pearce and Ian Raspin won the gold medal in the men's kayak in the world canoe slalom championships in Brazil, beating France by more than a second.

HOCKEY

Spice offers flavour of future

THE English Hockey Association is poised to make its first significant appointment with the announcement that the Australian, Chris Spice, is to become its performance director in November (Cathy Harris writes).

While there may be some surprise, even resentment, among English coaches, there is no disputing the impeccable credentials of Spice, 31. In 1993, he joined Richard Charlesworth as assistant coach to the Australia women's team and steered them to gold medals in three successive Champions Trophies, the 1994 World Cup title and the gold medal at the Atlanta Olympic Games.

"What we've achieved with Australia is an uncompromising attitude and I hope to instil a more attacking and aggressive philosophy into the English game," Spice said.

"I don't underestimate the challenge. What I really want to achieve is a ferocious desire to do better. You have to be passionate about continual improvement and players must learn to become analytical about themselves."

SNOOKER

Hendry keen to show Doherty who is No 1

TWO distinct eras in the game's history are linked today with the start of the Regal Masters, in Motherwell, coinciding with the fiftieth anniversary of Walter Donaldson becoming the first Scottish winner of the world championship (Phil Yates writes).

Much has changed since Donaldson defeated Fred Davis 82-63 over a fortnight in the first match played at Leicester Square Hall, London. Donaldson, a dour character on and off the table, won the championship again in 1950, but eventually became so disillusioned with the game that he smashed the slates off his practice table to pave a garden path.

Donaldson died in 1973, a decade before the explosion in snooker's popularity that led to the formation of the present tournament circuit. A total of £5 million is on offer during the coming season, of which £180,000 will be distributed among the 12 players invited to the Regal Masters. Stephen Hendry is the favourite to win the event for a fourth time, collect the first prize of £60,000 and reaffirm his status as the game's dominant force, after an 18-12 defeat by Ken Doherty in the world championship final five months ago.

Doherty, however, insisted that the pressure associated with being world champion will not prove detrimental to his form. "I am determined to view things positively," he said. "Winning at the Crucible was a feather in my cap and it certainly isn't going to become a burden. I am just going to enjoy it."

In the opening match this afternoon, Mark Williams, the Grand Prix and British Open champion, meets Alan McManus, one of four wild-card entries, while Jimmy White plays John Parrott.

BASEBALL

Failed record bid goes down to McGwire

MARK McGWIRE, of St Louis Cardinals, fell just short of one of baseball's most revered records as the Major League season moved into its decisive phase this week (Keith Blackmore writes). By hammering three home runs in the final two regular-season games at the weekend, McGwire took his total to 58, three short of the single-season record set by Roger Maris, of New York Yankees, in 1961. Before Maris, the record was held by the legendary Babe Ruth.

McGwire struck 34 homers for Oakland A's in the American League before a mid-season trade to the Cardinals in the National League, which brought him 24 more in just 51 games. His total, the highest since 1961, also won his season-long race with Ken Griffey Jr, who finished the season with 56 home runs for Seattle Mariners, but unlike Griffey, his exploits did not help the Cardinals into the play-offs.

The Cardinals finished fourth in the National League Central division, a dozen games behind Houston Astros, who open their play-off series against Atlanta Braves tonight.

The Braves, who won 101 games on their way to an unprecedented sixth consecutive divisional championship, are heavy favourites to beat Houston in their best-of-five series and would then meet either Florida Marlins or San Francisco Giants. Baltimore Orioles, who face the Mariners in a play-off that begins tomorrow, will start favourites to win the American League pennant, having won 98 games on their way to their first divisional championship since 1983. The other play-off will pit Cleveland Indians against the World Series champions, the Yankees.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

The London Trophy is a competition for 'non-bridge' clubs. Today's hand is from the 1997 finals, which were sponsored by Hilton Hotels. It concerns a common bidding problem, playing a No-Trump contract the right way round. With a holding of Qx opposite Axx it is important for the player holding Qx to be the declarer - that way, if the opening lead in that suit runs round to him, he is guaranteed two tricks in the suit.

Dealer East North-South game Aggregate scoring

North:
♠K Q 10 2
♥J
♦A 7 6
♣A K 7 5 3

West:
♠A 8 5
♥9 7 5 2
♦K 8 4 3 2
♣8

East:
♠7 6 3
♥A K 3
♦J 10 9
♣9 6 4 2

South:
♠J 9 4
♥Q 10 8 6 4
♦Q 5
♣Q J 10

Best contract: Three No-Trumps by South

At one table, this was the bidding (East-West silent):

N	S
-	Pass
1 C	1 H
1 S	2 D
3 NT	Pass

As my reporter Danny Roth points out, South overbid considerably when he called Two Diamonds, 'fourth suit forcing' at his second turn. However, North could have saved the day by continuing with Three Diamonds. In principle that shows four diamonds, but nevertheless it was the bid most likely to induce South to bid No-Trumps.

With North the declarer the jack of diamonds was led. Thus South's queen was doomed and North had to go one down.

At the other table the bidding went as follows:

N	S
-	Pass
1 C	1 H
1 S	2 C
2 NT	3NT

This time after South's sensible Two Clubs North should have bid Two Diamonds as a probe for No-Trumps. That would have enabled South to bid Two No-Trumps, and so be the declarer in Three No-Trumps.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

KESSELRING
a. A Wagnerian opera
b. A financiers' club
c. A German field marshal

BRECCIA
a. Personal trinkets
b. Rock formation
c. Alfresco meals

BIFROST
a. A freezer unit
b. Work schedule
c. A mythical bridge

ANACLETE
a. Recalled
b. A skin eruption
c. Racing yacht's rigging

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Kasparov's fusillade

Garry Kasparov, already enraged that IBM have withdrawn their computer, Deep Blue, from competition, has been further angered by the notion of a 100-player knockout for the world championship organised by the world chess federation president, Kirsan Ilumzinov. Aware of the growing links between the International Olympic Committee and the world chess federation (the Fide world championship is scheduled to take place in January 1998 in the Olympic Museum in Lausanne) Kasparov fired off this blunt missive to Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the IOC.

"Your personal efforts to enhance and elevate the game of chess are greatly appreciated by me but unfortunately I cannot and will not agree to play in this series of matches which are being organised in a farcical manner. From the first moment that this idea was announced by the Fide president, I have publicly expressed my concern about the concept and the source of funding and I regard as totally inadequate this system for defining the strongest chess player in the world.

"In chess, the tradition of playing for the official world title is 111 years old and recognises the age-old tradition of a match between the holder of the title and the challenger. Tradition dictates that this challenge is made in a serious manner with a full series of matches. The format being suggested flies directly in the face of tradition and unfortunately trivialises the world title."

Without Kasparov, there is no doubt that any championship lacks serious credibility. Here is how Kasparov handled the reigning Fide champion in one of their rare encounters over recent years.

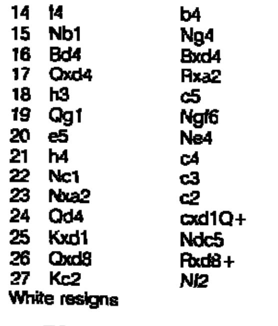
White: Anatoly Karpov
Black: Garry Kasparov
Linares, 1993

King's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	Nc3	Bg7
4	e4	d6
5	f3	0-0
6	Be3	e5
7	Nge2	c6
8	Qd2	Nbd7
9	Rd1	a6
10	dxe5	Nxe5
11	b3	b5
12	cxb5	axb5
13	Qxd6	Nfd7
14	f4	b4
15	Nb1	Ng4
16	Bd4	Bxd4
17	Qxd4	Rxa2
18	h3	c5
19	Qg1	Ngf6
20	e5	Ne4
21	h4	c4
22	Nc1	c3
23	Nxa2	c2
24	Qd4	cxd1Q+
25	Kxd1	Ndc5
26	Qxd8	Rxd8+
27	Kc2	Nf2

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Tilburg tournament

At Tilburg, in Holland, Kasparov and Krmanik lead on two out of two. Michael Adams, of Britain, has 1½.

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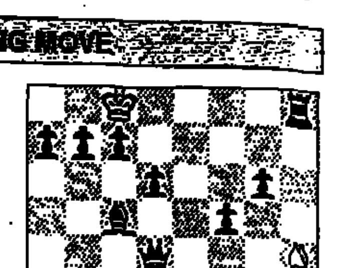
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Garcia - Shirov, Spain 1997. Alexei Shirov is one of the most gifted tactical players in the world. How did he demonstrate his talents in this position?



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RACING: CAPE VERDI AMONG QUARTET TO RACE UNDER GODOLPHIN'S BANNER NEXT SEASON

Maktoums buy Sangster juveniles

By Richard Evans and Chris McGrath

THE Tattersalls Houghton Sales, Europe's principal yearling auction, gets underway after racing at Newmarket today — but the week's most important bloodstock transaction has already been concluded. Robert Sangster, whose racing empire has long been sustained by unsentimental business acumen, has sold four of the best two-year-olds to the Maktoum brothers.

One of them, Cape Verdi, could well produce an instant return when carrying the colours of Maktoum al-Maktoum in today's Shadwell Stud Cheveley Park Stakes.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

Sangster has also sold two other fillies, Woodland Melody and Dance Trick, and an authentic Derby prospect in City Honours. All four will join the Godolphin team in Dubai this winter and be trained by Saeed bin Suroor on their return next spring.

It would once have appeared remarkable that Sangster should sell his most exciting young horses to the Maktoums, who usurped his dominion of the bloodstock market during the early Eighties. But they have done mutually rewarding business before, as when Sangster sold Balanchine at a similar stage of her career. She went on to become a first champion for Godolphin, when Sheikh Mohammed's Dubai experiment was in its pioneering stages.

The value of this deal is undisclosed, but Sangster's readiness to sell if the price is right was also evinced when he sold Dr Devious, who went on to win the 1992 Derby. At least that colt remained with Peter Chapple-Hyam, Sangster's trainer at Manton.

His impending loss is rotten luck for Chapple-Hyam, who must sometimes fear that he used up too much luck too quickly. His first visit to the roulette table of training saw his number come up successively in Rodrigo De Triano and Dr Devious — but he has since been repeatedly forced back to the counter for more chips. It will be with mixed emotions, no doubt, that he greets the success expected of Cape Verdi today.

Her narrow defeat of Embassy in the Lowther Stakes left her superiority somewhat disguised. On paper, Embassy should reverse form on 3lb better terms. On grass, however, Cape Verdi is expected to increase her advantage.

At York, Embassy, better suited by the easier going, was allowed first run up the centre, but drifted under pressure and was caught on the line. Cape Verdi (2.00) looked comfortable returning to today's trip — having encountered the leading colt, Central Park, over seven furlongs at Royal Ascot — and appeals as the likelier to progress.

The dark horse is Shmoose, already trained by bin Suroor. But she hung markedly left at the end of her Newbury debut — and this could prove a decisive weakness in today's much stronger company.

It was at the Houghton Sales last year that the field for today's special bonus race changed hands — and the big dividend looks destined for a 78,000-guinea son of Green Desert, Tamarisk (1.30). After a striking debut success at Goodwood, he romped home by six lengths at Kempton, clocking a fast time.

The opening race screened by Channel 4 is the EBF Jersey Lily Fillies' Nursery, in which the most intriguing runner is Tullich Refrain (12.50). Badly drawn twice since a promising Windsor debut, she has been kept to five furlongs while qualifying for handicaps. With stamina in her pedigree, she can find major improvement over today's seven furlongs.

☐ Bold Fact is not certain to run in Thursday's Middle Park Stakes on Thursday after pulling a stomach muscle.

MARTIN LYNCH

Cape Verdi, recently purchased by the Maktoums, is favourite for today's Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

TOTE CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Newmarket, October 4

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Coral	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Labeq	10-1	20-1	10-1	10-1
Pasternak	14-1	10-1	10-1	12-1
Southerly Wind	14-1	16-1	16-1	14-1
Al Azhar	20-1	16-1	16-1	16-1
Gulf Shaadi	16-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Rudimental	16-1	16-1	16-1	16-1
Sandmoor Chambray	16-1	20-1	20-1	20-1
Another Time	20-1	16-1	16-1	20-1
Consort	20-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Epic Stand	20-1	16-1	20-1	16-1
Hunters Of Brora	25-1	20-1	25-1	20-1
Prince Of Denial	20-1	20-1	25-1	16-1

WITH 45 acceptors at yesterday's five-day stage, Saturday's Tote Cambridgeshire at Newmarket is likely to attract the maximum of 40 runners, headed by Russian Music, who will shoulder 10st 1lb after picking up a 5lb penalty for winning at Doncaster earlier this month.

Labeq is lightly raced and showed improved form when winning at Newmarket last time, beating Hajr (runs 2.40 today) in good style. He has potential, but the form does not look outstanding and 10-1 is much too short a price.

Pasternak, winner of the Magnet Cup at York on his only run this season, would have outstanding claims if allowed to take his chance, but runs only if there is rain before Saturday.

Of much more interest is Hunters Of Brora. Runner-up in this race in 1994, and third in 1995, she seems to relish this straight nine furlongs. She was restricted to two runs last year, but after a sinus operation appears as good as ever this season. Disqualified for her jockey's irresponsible riding after winning the competitive Spring Cup at Newbury in May by two lengths from Hawksley Hill. She has held her form well and can be forgiven a below-par display at Doncaster last time where she was badly drawn and had no luck in running.

As a result, she has slipped back to a handicap mark 3lb lower than when third in 1995, and is sure to give backers a good run for their money. At 25-1 with Coral and Ladbrokes, HUNTERS OF BRORA offers outstanding each-way value.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Bath

Going: good to firm

2.00 (1m 2f 46yd) 1, St Helensfield (J Weaver, 9-2); 2, Corniche (1-3 fav); 3, Treasure Chest (13-2) 4 ran. ½l, 1½l. M Johnston. Tote: £6.10. DF: £1.90. CSF: £6.19

2.30 (2m 1f 34yd) 1, City Hall (T Quinn, 2-1 fav Thunderer's and Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Prospero (9-2); 3, Torch Vert (12-1) 6 ran. NR: Bridie's Pride. 1½l, 10l. M Stoute. Tote: £2.50; £1.30, £2.10. DF: £7.40. CSF: £10.20

3.00 (5f 161yd) 1, Lady Charlotte (T Quinn, 14-1); 2, Taalluf (1-4 fav); 3, Alpha Whisky (4-1) 4 ran. 1½l, 2l. D Elsworth. Tote: £8.40. DF: £2.80. CSF: £17.44

3.30 (1m 5yd) 1, Crimson Tide (M Hills, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Latalomne (5-2); 3, Right Wing (5-1) Jorrocks 2-1 jt-fav 4 ran. 3½l, ½l. J Hills. Tote: £2.80. DF: £4.20. CSF: £6.79

4.00 (1m 5yd) 1, Brigand (L Dettori, 1-2 fav). 2, Faringdon Future (6-1); 3, Finarts Bay (11-4) 4 ran. 2l, 13l. D Loder. Tote: £1.30. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.90.

4.30 (1m 5yd) 1, The Green Grey (Jo Hunnam, 10-1), 2, Ron's Round (11-4 fav), 3, One In The Eye (12-1); 4, Hannalou (16-1) 17 ran. NR: Spirit Of Sport. 2½l, 1¾l. W Muir. Tote: £8.40; £1.80, £1.20, £3.00, £3.40. DF: £10.40. Trio: £69.20. CSF: £32.93. Tricast: £330.80

Placepot: £1,186.40. Quadpot: £116.20.

Hamilton Park

Going: good (good to soft in places)

2.20 (1m 4f 17yd) 1, Totem Dancer (K Fallon, 7-1); 2, Lord Advocate (25-1); 3, Classic Ballet (13-2 fav); 4, Ciro's Pearl (9-1). 17 ran. 1¾l, 4l. J Eyre. Tote: £7.80; £1.40, £5.60, £1.50, £2.70. DF: £186.80. Trio: £650.90. CSF: £171.31. Tricast: £1,105.52.

2.50 (6f 5yd) 1, Brave Edge (Dane O'Neill, 100-30); 2, Open Credit (2-1 fav); 3, Venture Capitalist (14-1) 7 ran. 1¾l, 1½l. R Hannon. Tote: £3.90; £2.00, £1.80. DF: £4.70. CSF: £8.56.

3.20 (6f 5yd) 1, Jacmar (K Fallon, 3-1 fav, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Demolition Jo (11-2), 3, Pierpoint (11-2). 12 ran. 1½l, hd. Miss L Perratt. Tote: £3.70; £1.50, £2.50, £1.70. DF: £11.00. Trio: £40.50. CSF: £18.12. Tricast: £77.80

3.50 (1m 1f 36yd) 1, Tyrolean Dream (K Fallon, 5-4 jt-fav); 2, Slipstream Star (5-4 jt-fav); 3, Its My Pleasure (100-1) 10 ran. Sh hd, 9l. M Tompkins. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £1.10, £3.00. DF: £1.80. Trio: £22.50. CSF: £2.54

4.20 (1m 65yd) 1, Macca Luna (K Fallon, 4-9 fav); 2, Always Trying (5-1); 3, Ngaere Princess (66-1) 10 ran. 11l, ½l. M Tompkins. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £1.60, £5.20. DF: £2.80. Trio: £30.90. CSF: £2.41

4.50 (1m 65yd) 1, Shontaine (D Holland, 13-2). 2, Katie Komaite (9-1); 3, Winston (6-1); 4, Raindeer Quest (6-1). Murron Wallace 5-1 fav 16 ran. ½l, sh hd. M Johnston. Tote: £5.60; £2.30, £2.40, £2.70, £2.30. DF: £32.60. Trio: £111.40. CSF: £64.57. Tricast: £368.82

5.20 (1m 65yd) 1, Pine Ridge Lad (R Lappin, 14-1); 2, Seconds Away (10-1); 3, Spanish Verdict (9-2 jt-fav); 4, Denton Lad (14-1) Vanborough Lad 9-2 jt-fav. 16 ran. 2l, sh hd. J Eyre. Tote: £12.90; £2.80, £1.70, £2.70, £3.70. DF: £184.90. Trio: £365.40. CSF: £153.51. Tricast: £723.50.

Jackpot: £2,241.50.

Placepot: £7.60. Quadpot: £4.00.

Exeter

Going: good to firm (firm in places)

2.10 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Southern Chief (J Power, 33-1); 2, Tango King (4-6 fav); 3, Boster (5-1) 5 ran. 24l, dist. W G M Turner. Tote: £34.00; £7.60, £1.40. DF: £41.20. CSF: £52.43

2.40 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Damas (G Supple, 6-1). 2, Princely Affair (5-2), 3, Sails Legend (7-4 fav). 6 ran. ¾l, 11l. M Pipe. Tote: £4.10; £3.10, £1.80. DF: £6.40. CSF: £20.43.

3.10 (2m 3f ch) 1, Faustino (R Dunwoody, Evens fav); 2, Tidal Boss (7-1); 3, No Such Parson (20-1) 8 ran. 1½l, 9l. P Hobbs. Tote: £2.10; £1.70, £1.90, £3.00. DF: £8.00. CSF: £8.02.

3.40 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Steer Point (Mr A Holdsworth, 11-1); 2, White Plains (4-1); 3, What A Fuss (2-1) Fabulon Evens fav. 6 ran. 6l, 15l. R Frost. Tote: £9.30; £3.00, £2.00. DF: £18.20. CSF: £50.53

4.10 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Coolteen Hero (P Holley, 7-2); 2, Who's To Say (14-1); 3, Sigma Run (14-1). Lake Of Loughrea 3-1 fav 7 ran. 1¼l, 15l. R Alner. Tote: £4.30; £2.00, £5.30. DF: £37.90. CSF: £39.35.

4.40 (2m 3f hdle) 1, King Of Sparta (J Osborne, 11-10 fav); 2, Green Island (4-1); 3, Mystic Hill (6-1). 4 ran. 1l, 8l. O Sherwood. Tote: £2.00. DF: £3.30. CSF: £5.44.

Placepot: £180.60. Quadpot: £28.30.

☐ Kieren Fallon leads Frankie Dettori 167-149 in the jockeys' title race after completing a 103-1 four-timer at Hamilton Park yesterday. Dettori replied with one winner at Bath.

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2.15 Brambles Way. 2.50 Name Of Our Father. 3.20 Hacketts Cross. 3.55 Lochnagrain. 4.30 Monaco Gold. 5.00 Superpride.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.15 SATLEY PUNCH BOWL CLAIMING HURDLE
(£2,285: 2m 1f) (6 runners)

1	613-	BRAMBLES WAY 7F (B,BF,CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-12	P Niven
2	3-P4	BELLROI 17 (V,F,G) M Tompkins 6-11-6	A Dobbin
3	05-R	ALBEMINE 17 (F) P Eccles 8-11-0	A Maguire
4	0/F-	QUARTZ HILL 381 D Lamb 8-10-11	J Burke
5	0512	FLINTLOCK 32 (C,D,F) H Alexander 7-10-8	R McGrath (5)
6	1P-5	NIORD 41 (F) A Bailey 7-10-5	S Wynne

7-4 Brambles Way, 11-4 Albemine, 7-2 Flintlock, 9-2 Bellroi, 14-1 Niord, 33-1 Quartz Hill.

2.50 KIER NORTH EAST HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,838: 2m 5f 110yd) (5)

1	0112	NAME OF OUR FATHER 8 (BF,F) P Bowen 4-12-0	R Johnson
2	41P-	SHARP COMMAND 144 (BF,CD,F) P Eccles 4-11-13	A Maguire
3	-011	RED JAM JAR 25 (CD,F,G) S Ball 12-11-5	K Johnson
4	016-	KINDA GROOVY 128 (V,CD,F,G) I Park 8-10-9	N Smith
5	35-4	SKIDDAW SAMBA 14 (C,G) Mrs M Reveley 8-10-0	G Lee (3)

9-4 Name Of Our Father, 3-1 Red Jam Jar, Skiddaw Samba, 7-2 Sharp Command, 12-1 Kinda Groovy.

3.20 SPITFIRE NOVICES CHASE
(£3,140: 2m 5f) (7)

1	3211	HACKETTS CROSS 45 (D,F,G) P Eccles 9-11-3	A Maguire
2	0-31	SUAS LEAT 14 (C,F,G) J Jefferson 7-11-3	E Callaghan (3)
3	/F5/	HICKSONS CHOICE 889 J Wade 9-10-10	A S Smith
4	5R-U	KINGS MINSTRAL 6 (G) D Lamb 7-10-10	J Burke
5	02P-	WHITEGATES WILLIE 171 J Howard Johnson 5-10-7	A Dobbin
6	P4/5	SOUND PROFIT 29 W Young 9-10-5	B Storey
7	F05-	MEESONETTE 126 B Ellison 5-10-2	D Parker (3)

10-11 Suas Leat, 2-1 Hacketts Cross, 8-1 Kings Minstral, 10-1 Whitegates Willie, 25-1 Hicksons Choice, Meesonette, 50-1 Sound Profit.

3.55 LAZENBY AND WILSON HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,392: 2m 5f) (5)

1	2-1F	LOCHNAGRAIN 14 (BF,CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-12-0	P Niven
2	1P23	ANDRELOT 9 (B,F,G) P Bowen 10-11-13	R Thornton (3)
3	16F0	PENNYBRIDGE 24 (F,G,S) I Ferguson (Ire) 8-11-10	A P McCoy
4	-515	NEWHALL PRINCE 3 (B,CD,F,G) A Streeter 9-11-3	T Eley
5	1312	THE TOASTER 14 (CD,F,G,S) Miss M Milligan 10-10-13	L Wyer

10-11 Lochnagrain, 9-2 Andrelot, The Toaster, 6-1 Pennybridge, 7-1 Newhall Prince.

4.30 STANLEY RACING NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,670: 2m 5f 110yd) (8)

1	-316	RED NECK 52 (BF,F) P Bowen 6-11-3	R Johnson
2	104/	CHARTER 10F (V,F) W Storey 6-10-10	M Moloney
3	00/	COOLTON HILL 533 J Wade 6-10-10	S Taylor (5)
4	32-2	MONACO GOLD 14 Mrs M Reveley 5-10-10	P Niven
5	600-	RUN FOR THE MILL 158 J Jefferson 5-10-10	A K Smith (7)
6	0044	COMMUNITY SERVICE 14 J Norton 6-10-5	B Grattan (5)
7	0-34	POPPY'S DREAM 9 (B,F) J Wharton 7-10-5	R Thornton (3)
8	0/50	SLY LADY 14 T Etherington 5-10-5	L Wyer

6-4 Monaco Gold, 3-1 Charter, 4-1 Red Neck, 6-1 Poppy's Dream, 16-1 Run For The Mill, Sly Lady, 25-1 Community Service, 33-1 Coolton Hill.

5.00 HURRICANE NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,285: 2m 1f) (9)

1	602-	MUDLARK 132 J Norton 5-10-10	D Byrne
2	004-	NOBLE TOM 138 P Eccles 5-10-10	A Maguire
3		SUPERPRIDE 27F Mrs M Reveley 5-10-10	P Niven
4	0-5	GILLING DANCER 14 P Calver 4-10-8	L Wyer
5		MISTER WOODSTICK 29F C Parker 4-10-8	D Parker (3)
6	4	WELSH MOUNTAIN 38 K Morgan 4-10-8	A P McCoy
7	00-0	WESTERN VENTURE 14 M Wane 4-10-8	A S Smith
8	44P2	ANNIE'S KITCHEN 45 (B) M Sowersby 4-10-3	A Dobbin
9		STOLEN MUSIC 46F R Barr 4-10-3	N Smith

6-4 Superpride, 5-1 Welsh Mountain, 6-1 Gilling Dancer, 7-1 Noble Tom, 8-1 Mudlark, 10-1 Annie's Kitchen, 12-1 Western Venture, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Bowen, 5 winners from 14 runners, 35.7%; S Ball, 3 from 10, 30.0%; Mrs M Reveley, 68 from 242, 28.1%; I Park, 6 from 24, 25.0%; H Alexander, 6 from 31, 19.4%; K Morgan, 3 from 16, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 54 winners from 176 rides, 30.7%; G Lee, 12 from 53, 22.6%; A Maguire, 16 from 72, 22.2%; L Wyer, 23 from 107, 21.5%; N Smith, 13 from 92, 14.1%; E Callaghan, 5 from 37, 13.5%.

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2.25 Blue Kite. 3.00 Colins Choice. 3.30 Onefourseven. 4.05 Takhlid. 4.40 Maedaley. 5.10 Windswept. 5.40 Farmost.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.25 CHEFS LARDER MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,277: 5f) (13 runners)

1	(4)	2606	TANGERINE FLYER 35 J Berry 8-10	C Lowther (5)	91
2	(3)	2626	BLUE KITE 12 N Littmoden 8-5	T G McLaughlin	[illegible]
3	(5)		ITCH R Bastiman 8-5	Dean McKeown	–
4	(13)		PRECISELY J Wharton 8-5	J Carroll	–
5	(8)	5	JUST TESTING 31 J Eyre 8-5	T Williams	75
6	(9)	22	LOVE AGAIN 15 (BF) M Bell 8-5	A Whelan (3)	90
7	(6)	00	HELENES HILL 41 J L Harris 8-1	L Charnock	74
8	(10)	0	MARY JANE 13 J Berry 8-1	P Fessey (3)	76
9	(7)		ABSTONE PET GIRL P Burns 7-12	A McCarthy (7)	–
10	(11)	00	DORTON GRANGE 149 K Comerford 7-12	J Bosley (7)	–
11	(2)	4400	ELLEYSANTA 38 A Newcombe 7-12	J Quinn	91
12	(12)	355	LITTLE FIZZ 22 B Meehan 7-12	C Rutter	90
13	(1)	00	MERCH RHYD-Y-GRUG 7 D Williams 7-12	J Lowe	–

7-4 Blue Kite, 3-1 Love Again, 7-1 Little Fizz, 8-1 Tangerine Flyer, 10-1 Just Testing, Elleysanta, 14-1 Mary Jane, 20-1 others.

3.00 HAPPY SHOPPER APPRENTICE CLAIMING LIMITED STAKES (Div I: £1,658: 1m 100yd) (13)

1	(1)	6560	LOCH STYLE 45 (CD,F) R Hollinshead 4-9-1	S Clarke (7)	66
2	(5)	6000	BALLADARA 12 R Hannon 3-8-13	R Smith (4)	63
3	(12)	0000	CHALUZ 13 K Burke 3-8-13	R Studholme	59
4	(11)	0080	THREE WEEKS 8 (CD) W Muir 4-8-13	G Hannon (4)	72
5	(7)	0000	VAN CHINO 13 B McMahon 3-8-13	S Righton	61
6	(3)	3302	ARRASAS LADY 10 J Poulton 7-8-12	J Fowle	48
7	(10)	0545	AVANTI BLUE 109 K McAuliffe 3-8-11	A McCarthy	60
8	(13)	-006	SLIEVENAMON 21 (V,C,D) J Banks 4-8-11	D Williams (4)	81
9	(8)	0014	COLINS CHOICE 45 (CD) J Spearing 3-8-8	P Bradley (4)	[illegible]
10	(6)	0-00	GREY AGAIN 2 (V,C) D Shaw 5-8-8	R Brisland (4)	71
11	(9)	6560	LADY SILK 15 (F,G) Miss J Craze 6-8-8	Carolyn Bales (4)	58
12	(2)	0052	TAEL OF SILVER 2 (F,G) A Bailey 5-8-8	J Bosley (7)	56
13	(4)	5400	TARAGONA 10 R Hollinshead 4-8-6	D Hayden (4)	38

11-4 Tael Of Silver, 3-1 Colins Choice, 6-1 Lady Silk, 7-1 Loch Style, 10-1 Arrasas Lady, Three Weeks, 12-1 Slievenamon, 14-1 Avanti Blue, 16-1 others.

3.30 MALTHOUSE VINTNER HANDICAP
(£3,070: 1m 6f 166yd) (12)

1	(2)	1105	NIGEL'S LAD 10 (F,G) P Haslam 5-9-11	C Lowther (5)	87
2	(12)	0000	BATOUTOFTHEBLUE 47 (CD) W Haigh 4-9-11	A Culhane	[illegible]
3	(5)	2030	SHAKIYR 171 (CD) R Hollinshead 6-9-9	F Lynch	66
4	(7)	3010	CASTLES BURNING 13 (F) C Cyzer 3-9-5	A Clark	69
5	(3)	0001	ENGLISH INVADER 10 (C,S) C Dwyer 6-9-5	J Carroll	73
6	(4)	1300	ONEFOURSEVEN 20 (F,G) J Eyre 4-9-4	T Williams	70
7	(10)	5125	CASTLE SECRET 18J (C,F,S) D Burchell 11-9-3	R Brisland (7)	71
8	(9)	1160	BROUGHTONS FORMULA 10 (CD,F,G) W Musson 7-9-2	M Wigham	78
9	(6)	312/	ARMSTON 820 J Wharton 5-9-2	J Quinn	–
10	(8)	2530	VRENNAN 33 J Fanshawe 3-9-1	G Carter	–
11	(1)	2204	NILE VALLEY 67 P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-1	R Havlin (5)	75
12	(11)	3200	STALLED 11 (F,G) P Walwyn 7-9-0	J Lowe	66

3-1 English Invader, 5-1 Nigel's Lad, 6-1 Nile Valley, 7-1 Castle Secret, Vrennan, 10-1 Castles Burning, 12-1 Onefourseven, Stalled, 14-1 others.

4.05 GORDON CROWE CLASSIC HANDICAP
(£3,837: 6f) (13)

1	(7)	3500	STATE OF CAUTION 9 (V) D Shaw 4-9-11	C Lowther (5)	87
2	(4)	3500	ROBO MAGIC 66 (C,D,F) L Montague Hall 5-9-9	F Lynch	81
3	(13)	2003	PERICLES 11 (CD,S) M Johnston 3-9-8	J Fanning	84
4	(5)	1000	FORCING BID 21 (CD) M Prescott 3-9-7	G Duffield	85
5	(6)	2-52	SPANIARDS CLOSE 22 (BF,D,G,S) P Makin 9-9-6	J Carroll	76
6	(11)	1005	MALIBU MAN 18 (CD,F,G) E Wheeler 5-9-6	J Quinn	78
7	(10)	0050	RAMSEY HOPE 29 (V,C,D,F) C Fairhurst 4-9-5	N Kennedy	85
8	(12)	2635	TWIN CREEKS 13 (F) V Soane 6-9-4	C Rutter	84
9	(9)	-000	PRIDE OF BRIXTON 12 (G) C Thornton 4-9-4	Dean McKeown	–
10	(2)	5600	FIRST MAITE 66 (B,C,D,G,S) S Bowring 4-9-4	C Teague (3)	81
11	(1)	0061	TAKHLID 10 (CD,F,S) D Chapman 6-9-3	A Culhane	82
12	(3)	0000	PAGEBOY 12 (CD,F) P Haslam 8-9-2	S Drowne	[illegible]
13	(8)	0000	GARNOCK VALLEY 11 (B,D,F,G,S) J Berry 7-8-13	G Carter	87

9-2 Pericles, 6-1 Malibu Man, 7-1 Spaniards Close, Takhlid, 8-1 State Of Caution, Forcing Bid, Twin Creeks, 12-1 others.

4.40 BOOKER CASH & CARRY FILLIES SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,985: 6f) (13)

1	(10)	0286	EDNA'S GIFT 46 (D,F) J Berry 9-0	C Lowther (5)	[illegible]
2	(11)	1050	MALOZZA 53 P Evans 9-0	J F Egan	71
3	(12)	2210	ROSEWOOD LADY 21 (V,D,F) K Burke 9-0	A Clark	65
4	(1)	040	CATFOOT LANE 33 W G M Turner 8-9	D McGaffin (7)	68
5	(5)	0600	DOWNCLOSE DUCHESS 15 M Blanshard 8-9	J Quinn	45
6	(7)	56	GAELIC QUINIE 38 (V,BF) S Dildroyd 8-9	F Norton	46
7	(4)	3464	KITE 8 M Bell 8-9	M Fenton	55
8	(13)	000	LINDA 10 (B) N Callaghan 8-9	S Drowne	50
9	(2)	0320	MAEDALEY 3 P Haslam 8-9	P Fessey (3)	71
10	(8)	6040	MISS BEVELED 15 M Britain 8-9	D Meredith (7)	50
11	(6)	0480	SATIS 32 M Channon 8-9	A Culhane	55
12	(3)	3320	SHANTHI 27 (B,BF) P Makin 8-9	J Carroll	68
13	(9)	0830	TURF MOOR 15 J J O'Neill 8-9	T Williams	61

3-1 Malozza, 5-1 Maedaley, 6-1 Edna's Gift, Kite, 8-1 Rosewood Lady, 10-1 Gaelic Quinie, 14-1 Linda, Miss Beveled, Shanthi, 16-1 others.

5.10 HAPPY SHOPPER APPRENTICE CLAIMING LIMITED STAKES (Div II: £1,658: 1m 100yd) (13)

1	(12)	4531	BAPSFORD 52 G L Moore 3-8-13	M Batchelor	64
2	(1)	2400	CHEVAL ROC 83 R Hannon 3-8-13	R Smith (4)	49
3	(8)	6000	EASTLEIGH 28 (D,S) R Hollinshead 8-8-11	Lisa Watson (7)	60
4	(5)	5260	BOLLERO 10 (D,G,S) J Berry 3-8-10	P Bradley (4)	[illegible]
5	(2)	0405	MEDLAND 109 (D,F) B McMath 7-8-9	R Studholme	51
6	(6)	0000	PRIME PARTNER 6 (D,G) T Easterby 4-8-9	D McGaffin	50
7	(9)	5060	CATS BOTTOM 38 (D,F) A Newcombe 5-8-8	S Carson	75
8	(13)	1530	MADAM LUCY 17J (C) J Spearing 3-8-8	S Righton	77
9	(7)	4250	PORTITE SOPHIE 13 (CD) M Britain 6-8-8	D Meredith	74
10	(3)	6040	TIME OF NIGHT 14 J Eyre 4-8-8	S Buckley (4)	80
11	(10)	-050	WINDSWEPT 22 (F) M Pipe 4-8-8	J Fowle	63
12	(11)	0000	THAT OLD FEELING 4 (B,F) D Chapman 5-8-7	T Siddall	64
13	(4)	0030	KAYZEE 21 D Burchell 3-8-0	R Brisland (4)	65

7-2 Bapsford, 5-1 Bollero, 6-1 Windswept, 7-1 Cats Bottom, Cheval Roc, Portite Sophie, 10-1 Prime Partner, Madam Lucy, 14-1 others.

5.40 RED BAND HANDICAP
(£3,174: 1m 1f 79yd) (13)

1	(5)	1461	FARMOST 2 (CD,F,S) M Prescott 4-10-6 (6ex)	G Duffield	[illegible]
2	(7)	0350	GENUINE JOHN 106 J Parkes 4-10-0	W J O'Connor	68
3	(2)	2150	BENTICO 46 (V,CD,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 8-9-11	S Webster	91
4	(11)	0150	SODEN 15 (F) T Mills 3-9-9	T Williams	80
5	(12)	1230	HEIGHTH OF FAME 83 (C) J Hetherton 6-9-9	L Charnock	77
6	(9)	0100	INVOCATION 6 (F) G L Moore 10-9-7	A Clark	74
7	(4)	31-0	DESERT ZONE 22 (CD,F,S) J A Harris 8-9-7	C Lowther (5)	76
8	(6)	3140	PENLOP 18 A Stewart 3-9-6	S Whitworth	88
9	(3)	3503	ZORBA 11 (D,G) J Hetherton 3-9-4	N Kennedy	69
10	(8)	0208	SEA SPOUSE 46 (S) M Blanshard 6-9-3	N Adams	80
11	(1)	5-50	EASTERN EAGLE 147 J Eustace 3-9-1	J Tate	66
12	(13)	0220	ASPECTO LAD 7 (V) D Williams 3-9-0	D Griffiths (3)	70
13	(10)	524	RUTLAND CHANTRY 36 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-13	G Carter	81

2-1 Farmost, 7-1 Penlop, Rutland Chantry, 8-1 Bentico, Heighth Of Fame, 12-1 Soden, Zorba, Aspecto Lad, 14-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Stewart, 4 winners from 6 runners, 66.7%; L Montague Hall, 4 from 12, 33.3%; J Banks, 7 from 26, 26.9%; M Johnston, 51 from 218, 23.4%; M Prescott, 22 from 97, 22.7%; M Bell, 13 from 59, 22.0%.

JOCKEYS: G Carter, 32 winners from 224 rides, 14.3%; G Duffield, 23 from 161, 14.3%; J Egan, 11 from 78, 14.1%; P Fessey, 9 from 66, 13.6%; D McCabe, 11 from 82, 13.4%; J Tate, 10 from 80, 12.5%

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Newmarket: 2.00 Heeremandi. 3.10 Zoom Up. Sedgefield: 2.50 Kinda Groovy. 4.30 Charter, Poppy's Dream. Wolverhampton: 3.00 Grey Again. 4.05 State Of Caution. 4.40 Gaelic Quinie, Linda. 5.10 That Old Feeling. 5.40 Aspecto Lad

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

12.50 Occhi Verdi
1.30 Tamarisk
2.00 CAPE VERDI (nap)
2.40 Bali Paradise
3.10 Mattimeo
3.45 Success And Glory

Timekeeper's top rating: 1.30 SAPPHIRE RING.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Shmoose. 2.40 HAJR (nap). 3.10 Flint Knapper.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 . B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

12.50 EBF JERSEY LILY FILLIES NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £18,260: 7f) (15 runners)

C4

101	(8)	31412	SAFFRON LANE 13 (D,F,G) (S L Partnership) R Hannon 9-7	L Dettori	97
102	(6)	212040	PACIFICA 20 (C,G) (T Wells) R Boss 9-5	T Quinn	99
103	(2)	4150	NEXT ROUND 31 (D,S) (Deln Ltd) M Bell 9-2	M Fenton	86
104	(13)	010	STAR OF GROSVENOR 20 (D,F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-13	J Reid	83
105	(14)	1624004	OCCHI VERDI 20 (G) (G Mitchell) M Johnston 8-12	D Holland	86
106	(1)	553	SALSETTE 32 (S Manana) C Brittain 8-11	M Roberts	93
107	(11)	0221450	FAYRANA 31 (D,G) (Racegoers Club Owners Group (1997)) J Hills 8-11	M Hills	95
108	(15)	60101	BELLE DE NUIT 14 (D,F) (R Withers) B Meehan 8-8	K Fallon	94
109	(3)	131126	CHINAIDER 19 (F,G) (M Leatham) D Nicholls 8-7	K Darley	96
110	(4)	2210610	PHONE ALEX 20 (G) (J B R Leisure Ltd) R Hannon 8-7	Dane O'Neill	87
111	(12)	0261	MADAME CLAUDE 13 (F) (P Dalby) J Toller 8-5	S Sanders	79
112	(5)	2361433	INCHALONG 6 (D,G) (Norfolk Lodge Partnerships) M Brittain 8-2	D Mernagh (7)	[illegible]
113	(9)	6001	GOLDEN FORTUNE 15 (F) (Lucayan Stud) D Loder 7-13	M Henry (3)	91
114	(10)	300	TULLICH REFRAIN 13 (Sun Punters Club) W Muir 7-10	Martin Dwyer	98
115	(7)	206022	CONSTANT ATTENTION 6 (T Stafford) P Mitchell 7-10	R Ffrench (3)	87

Long handicap: Constant Attention 7-8.

BETTING: 11-2 Golden Fortune, 6-1 Saffron Lane, Occhi Verdi, 7-1 Tullich Refrain, 8-1 Belle De Nuit, 10-1 Madame Claude, Salsette, 12-1 Chinaider, Fayrana, 14-1 others.

1996: NIGHTBIRD 9-7 M Hills (5-1 jt-fav) B Hills 14 ran

FORM FOCUS Saffron Lane 3l 2nd to Selteen in 1m Sandown stakes (good to firm). Next Round 29l last of 9 to Take A Turn in 7f Chester nursery (soft). Occhi Verdi 1¼l 4th to Branston Berry in 6½f Doncaster fillies nursery (good to firm) with Belle De Nuit (4lb worse off) 6¾l 9th, Phone Alex (3lb better off) 11l 13th, Star Of Grosvenor (3lb better off) 12l 14th and Pacifica (10lb better off) 18l 16th. Salsette 6¼l 3rd to Socket Set in 6f Chester fillies stakes (good to soft). Fayrana 8¼l 10th to Another Fantasy in 6f Curragh stakes (good to soft). Belle De Nuit beat Chocolate neck in 7f Yarmouth fillies nursery (good to firm). Chinaider 8¼l 6th to Lend A Hand in 1m Doncaster nursery (good to firm). Madame Claude beat Opening Meet neck in 6f Yarmouth maiden (firm). Inchalong 4½l 3rd to Burnt Yates in 7f Chester nursery (good). Golden Fortune beat Positive Air ½l in 6f Nottingham fillies nursery (good to firm). Tullich Refrain 9¾l 8th to Arian Da in 5f Sandown maiden auction (good to firm). Constant Attention ½l 2nd to Siena in 1m1f Goodwood seller (good to firm).

CHINAIDER failed to stay at Doncaster, and should go close over this shorter trip

1.30 TATTERSALLS HOUGHTON SALES CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £18,635: 7f) (14 runners)

C4

201	(3)	430	APACHE RED 129 (M Burns) J Bolger (Ire) 9-0	K J Manning	87
202	(5)	04	CIRCUS 55 (S Manana) C Brittain 9-0	M Roberts	85
203	(12)	13	HEADHUNTER 41 (G) (Highclere Racing Ltd) W Haggas 9-0	M Hills	103
204	(2)	0	PANTAR 12 (R & Exors Late E Hitchins) I Balding 9-0	T Quinn	75
205	(1)		RAZOR (Ivyclose) S C Williams 9-0	Dane O'Neill	–
206	(11)	0	RIDGEWAY 21 (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 9-0	Paul Eddery	74
207	(14)	11	TAMARISK 20 (D,F,G) (Highclere Racing Ltd) R Charlton 9-0	T Sprake	114
208	(9)		MAGIC OF ALOHA (J Fleming) B Hills 8-9	D Holland	–
209	(10)	385	NIGHT OWL 20 (Mrs C Van Straubenzee) R Charlton 8-9	K Fallon	96
210	(4)	42131	PHOTOGENIC 38 (D,G,S) (Mrs T E Hyde) A P O'Brien (Ire) 8-9	M J Kinane	97
211	(6)		PUTUNA (R & Exors Late E Hitchins) I Balding 8-9	Martin Dwyer	–
212	(13)	1142	SAPPHIRE RING 11 (BF,G,S) (Thoroughbred Corp) R Charlton 8-9	K Darley	[illegible]
213	(7)	2321	XWIFE 16 (S) (Stall Pinnacle) W Neuroth (Nor) 8-9	L Dettori	–
214	(8)	00	ZIELANA GORA 14 (Sketools Ltd) J Smyth-Osbourne 8-9	S Whitworth	–

BETTING: 7-4 Tamarisk, 9-2 Photogenic, 6-1 Sapphire Ring, 8-1 Headhunter, 10-1 Apache Red, 12-1 Pantar, 14-1 Ridgeway, 16-1 others.

1996: PAPUA 9-0 J Reid (10-1) I Balding 23 ran

FORM FOCUS Apache Red 13l last of 10 to Golden Mirage in 5f Curragh stakes (good to soft). Circus 8½l 4th to Mr Cahill in 7f Yarmouth stakes (good to firm). Headhunter 3¾l 3rd to Carrowkeel in 6f York group II stakes (good). Pantar 14l 13th to Dr Fong in 7f Newbury maiden (good to firm). Razor, Warning colt out of Smarten Up, half brother to useful Dress Sense. Ridgeway 8¾l 7th to Sensory in 7f Leicester maiden (good to firm). Tamarisk beat Greek Dance 6l in 7f Kempton stakes (good). Night Owl 7½l 5th to Royal Shyness in 6f Kempton maiden fillies (good). Photogenic beat Viola Royale ¾l in 7f Leopardstown fillies listed stakes (good). Sapphire Ring neck 2nd to Regal Revolution in 6f Ayr fillies listed stakes (good to soft). Xwife beat Sage in 6f Taby stakes (good to soft)

TAMARISK was most impressive at Kempton and will take all the beating

2.00 SHADWELL STUD CHEVELEY PARK STAKES (Group I: 2-Y-O fillies: £63,262: 6f) (8 runners)

C4

301	(6)	121	CAPE VERDI 40 (CD,F,G) (M al-Maktoum) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	J Reid	133
302	(2)	2122	CRAZEE MENTAL 84 (D,G) (H O'Donnell) D Haydn Jones 8-11	D Holland	117
303	(3)	112	EMBASSY 40 (D,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 8-11	K Fallon	[illegible]
304	(8)	11634	HEEREMANDI 23 (V,BF,D,G,S) (M Tabor) A P O'Brien (Ire) 8-11	M J Kinane	109
305	(7)	124	MISS ZAFONIC 40 (D,F) (M al-Maktoum) R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill	127
306	(5)	1313	NADWAH 40 (F,S) (H al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11	R Hills	126
307	(4)	321	ROYAL SHYNESS 20 (D,G) (R Hubbard) G Lewis 8-11	Paul Eddery	115
308	(1)	1	SHMOOSE 46 (D,F) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 8-11	L Dettori	118

BETTING: 2-1 Cape Verdi, 5-2 Shmoose, 11-4 Embassy, 7-1 Nadwah, 14-1 Heeremandi, 16-1 Crazee Mental, 20-1 Miss Zafonic, 33-1 Royal Shyness.

1996: PAS DE REPONSE 8-11 F Head (7-1) C Head (Fr) 8 ran

FORM FOCUS Cape Verdi beat Embassy (3lb better off) sh hd in 6f York group II fillies stakes (good) with Nadwah (3lb better off) 1½l 3rd and Miss Zafonic (levels) 4½l 4th. Crazee Mental 1l 2nd to Asfurah in 6f Newmarket group II fillies stakes (good). Heeremandi 1¼l 4th to Tarascon in 7f Curragh group I fillies stakes (good to soft). Royal Shyness beat Ikhteyaar ½l in 6f Kempton maiden fillies (6f, good). Shmoose beat Musical Twist 1½l in 6f Newbury maiden fillies (good to firm).

EMBASSY, with Kieren Fallon taking over, can reverse York form with Cape Verdi

2.40 NGK SPARK PLUGS HANDICAP (£8,065: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

401	(4)	-040531	DANCE SO SUITE 25 (D,F,G,S) (J Gutkin) P Cole 5-9-7	T Quinn	[illegible]
402	(7)	0253020	FORZA FIGLIO 63 (S) (Grid Racing Partnership) R Akehurst 4-9-1	S Sanders	116
403	(8)	5546525	BALI PARADISE 10 (F,S) (Al Muallim Partnership) P Cole 3-8-13	M J Kinane	115
404	(1)	-215000	SOLO MIO 18 (S) (W Said) B Hills 3-8-12	M Hills	115
405	(6)	1-61206	INCHCAILLOCH 102 (C,D,F,G,S) (F Carter) J King 8-8-10	R Ffrench (3)	106
406	(3)	3240300	PAPUA 42 (C,F) (R & Exors Late E Hitchins) I Balding 3-8-10	K Darley	103
407	(5)	140120	HAJR 10 (F,G) (M al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 3-8-7	K Fallon	103
408	(9)	41100	KILIMA 20 (D,F,G) (Sheikh A al-Maktoum) L Cumani 3-8-7	L Dettori	107
409	(2)	310000	ASSURED GAMBLE 62 (CD,G) (P Head) C Brittain 3-8-3	M Roberts	113
410	(10)	-103500	MISTER PINK 83 (F,S) (C Sumner) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-2	Martin Dwyer	106

BETTING: 7-2 Dance So Suite, 5-1 Kilima, 6-1 Bali Paradise, 7-1 Forza Figlio, Hajr, 8-1 Solo Mio, Inchcailloch, 12-1 others.

1996: DEAR LIFE 3-9-0 Martin Dwyer (5-1) Mrs J Cecil 9 ran

FORM FOCUS Dance So Suite beat Shalateeno 3½l in 1¼m Epsom handicap (good). Forza Figlio 9½l 13th to Danish Rhapsody in 1¼m Goodwood handicap (good to firm). Bali Paradise 3½l 5th to Sharp Consul in 1¼m Newbury handicap (good to firm) with Hajr (1lb worse off) 24l 12th. Solo Mio 6¾l 8th to Dantesque in 1½m Doncaster handicap (good). Inchcailloch 52l 6th to Canon Can in 2¾m Ascot stakes (soft). Kilima 15l 11th to Sausalito Bay in 1¼m Doncaster handicap (good to firm). Assured Gamble 9¼l 10th to Maylane in 1½m Goodwood handicap (good to firm).

SOLO MIO appeals on an encouraging Doncaster run last time

3.10 SHADWELL STUD APPRENTICE SERIES FINAL (Handicap: £7,165: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

501	(5)	6010100	MATTIMEO 17 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Keogh) A Jarvis 4-9-12	P Roberts	93
502	(14)	031d1-0	BLURRED 151 (D,G) (Trafalgar Racing Club) M Tompkins 4-9-12	J Savage (7)	84
503	(4)	30-5000	TIME FOR ACTION 18 (F,G) (Mrs G Smith) M Tompkins 5-9-7	T E Durcan	[illegible]
504	(3)	3142600	ZOOM UP 18 (B,G) (K Maeda) M Heaton-Ellis 3-9-6	A Daly	81
505	(8)	3612	FLINT KNAPPER 13 (BF,S) (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 3-9-6	G Milligan	85
506	(9)	4-4020	BEAR HUG 21 (L Lazarus) Lady Herries 4-9-4	P Doe	84
507	(11)	03120F-	CLASSIC DEFENCE 346J (D,F,G) (J Robb) J Hills 4-9-2	P P Murphy	–
508	(10)	0502140	MUTADARRA 20 (BF,D,F,G) (B Fulton) W Musson 4-9-0	D Sweeney	90
509	(12)	-151420	ABSOLUTE LIBERTY 26 (D,S) (C Callaghan) S Woods 3-8-7	R Ffrench	81
510	(13)	2150112	GUESSTIMATION 13 (BF,CD,F,G,S) (Exclusive Two Pins) J Pearce 8-8-6	R Mullen	91
511	(7)	2620445	MARDREW 9 (T Connors) John Berry 3-8-3	Jo Hunnam	96
512	(6)	06-0024	POLAR PROSPECT 13 (F) (Elmy Racing Ptnrs) B Hanbury 4-8-2	J Wilkinson	91
513	(1)	0031030	GOLDEN ACE 8 (G,S) (G Linder) R Spicer 4-8-2	R Winston	99
514	(2)	-323130	FANCY A FORTUNE 9 (G) (E & M Tuer) D Nicholls 3-8-2	A Nicholls (5)	96

BETTING: 5-1 Flint Knapper, 6-1 Polar Prospect, 7-1 Bear Hug, 8-1 Mattimeo, Mutadarra, 10-1 Absolute Liberty, Mardrew, Fancy A Fortune, 12-1 others

1996: STEP ALOFT 4-9-6 Aimee Cook (12-1) Lord Huntingdon 14 ran

FORM FOCUS Mattimeo 2¾l 7th to Infatuation in 1¼m Doncaster handicap (good to firm). Blurred 24l 15th to Champagne Prince in 1¼m Newmarket handicap (good to firm). Time For Action 17l 12th to Dantesque in 1½m Doncaster handicap (good). Zoom Up 8¾l 10th to Danish Rhapsody in 1m 1f Goodwood handicap (good). Flint Knapper 1¾l 2nd to Supreme Sound in 1¼m Yarmouth handicap (firm). Bear Hug 15l 16th to Eden Heights in 1¼m Leicester apprentice handicap (good to firm). Mutadarra 13l 9th to Alhosaam in 1½m Kempton handicap (good). Guesstimation short head 2nd to Pegasus Bay in 1¼m Yarmouth seller (firm). Mardrew 7¾l 5th to Largesse in 1½m Haydock handicap (good). Polar Prospect 3½l 4th to Euro Sceptic in 1m 100yd Beverley handicap (good to firm). Fancy A Fortune 16l 9th to Shawm in 1m Haydock handicap (good).

MUTADARRA is a tentative choice in a tricky contest

3.45 EBF GEI INTERNATIONAL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,436: 1m) (8 runners)

601	(5)		ALMANDAB (Sheikh A al-Maktoum) J Gosden 8-11	L Dettori	–
602	(1)		BANKER DWERRY (Dr F Chan) S Woods 8-11	N Day	–
603	(2)		FREDDIE MAC (Bravery Racing) G Bravery 8-11	D R McCabe	–
604	(6)		FREE AS THE WIND (Mrs J Magnier & M Tabor) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	J Reid	–
605	(4)		JAMORIN DANCER (Mrs L D McLardy Smith) M Jarvis 8-11	R Cochrane	–
606	(8)		PINSHARP (K Weston) P Howling 8-11	Paul Eddery	–
607	(7)	432	SUCCESS AND GLORY 17 (Thoroughbred Corporation) H Cecil 8-11	K Fallon	[illegible]
608	(3)	3	WAY OUT YONDER 122 (M al-Maktoum) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	98

BETTING: 2-1 Success And Glory, 11-4 Way Out Yonder, 7-2 Free As The Wind, 4-1 Almandab, 20-1 Banker Dwerry, Jamorin Dancer, 33-1 Freddie Mac, 50-1 Pinsharp.

1996: ASAS 8-11 R Hills (14-1) S bin Suroor 12 ran

FORM FOCUS Almandab, cost 65,000gns, by Last Tycoon out of Fortune Teller. Banker Dwerry by Unfuwain out of Tarlique Twist. Free As The Wind, cost 80,000gns, by Brief Truce out of Sikhiza. Jamorin Dancer by Charmer out of Geryea. Success And Glory 1½l 2nd to Wales in 1m Goodwood maiden (good). Way Out Yonder 3l 3rd to Cape Verdi in 6f Newmarket maiden (6f, good to firm).

WAY OUT YONDER can make his experience tell

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S bin Suroor	14	44	31.8	M Kinane	18	96	18.8
H Cecil	44	181	24.3	R French	3	19	15.8
J Gosden	29	187	15.5	L Dettori	51	347	14.7
D Loder	12	78	15.4	S Sanders	7	54	13.0
R Charlton	7	46	15.2	D McCabe	5	42	11.9

FOOTBALL: RASH OF INJURIES TO KEY PLAYERS THREATENS TO UNDERMINE GLASGOW CLUBS' HOPES OF MAKING PROGRESS IN UEFA CUP

Celtic seeking to capitalise on Liverpool's frailty

By Kevin McCarra

LIVERPOOL, with their stock of exquisitely skilled footballers, resemble a jeweller's shop, and, like all such establishments, live in fear of the ram-raiders. For too many years now, trophies have eluded them as assaults by coarse teams of lesser abilities have proved effective. So it is that the return leg of their Uefa Cup first-round tie with Celtic tonight has the potential to prove disquieting.

Liverpool have the comfort of their 2-2 draw in Glasgow and, in essence, need only to be competent at Anfield. Complacency is impossible, though, for a club that has frequently been ambushed by adversity. Two years ago, for instance, Liverpool were beaten 1-0 at home by Brondby in the Uefa Cup after having seemingly made the tie safe with a goalless draw in Denmark.

On their own ground, they cannot afford to let the match with Celtic drift towards the hazardous. "Our approach will not change," Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said. "It would be a ridiculous tactic to play for a draw." His team, in any case, is hardly built for caution and the 2-1 defeat at West Ham United on Saturday demonstrated its peculiar fallibility.

What does it profit a club to score a magnificent goal, such as that delivered by Robbie Fowler, if its defence is disconcerted by the most rudimentary cross? Evans's arrangements at centre back will continue to provoke doubt since Mark Wright is still injured and unavailable. The manager must find it more soothing to let his mind rest on the attack.

Fowler has scored in his past two matches after his return from injury. "It's great to get back our top scorer for the past three seasons," Evans said. Stimulating, too, to watch him work in tandem with another prodigy, Michael Owen. The two forwards, who both call for the ball to be played to their feet, embody the close-passing traditions of the club.

Karlheinz Riedle allows a change of style should Liverpool's pattern of play decline into a mere stereotype. Celtic, however, have not been brooding over their adversaries. Instead, they look with anxiety upon themselves. With Marc Rieper ineligible and Tommy Boyd suspended, they were always bound to field a makeshift defence at Anfield.

The air of improvisation now threatens to spread. Yesterday, training was restricted to an evening session at Anfield as Wim Jansen, the head coach, trusted that rest might restore Stephane Mahe, Phil O'Donnell, Andreas Thom, Craig Burley, Morten Wieghorst and Henrik Larsson.

If the construction of the side is drastically altered, then the significance of Celtic's recent form must be questioned. For the first time since January, they have won four league matches in succession, but, in any case, a harsh exchange rate usually applies when domestic form is converted into the hard currency of European competition.

Jansen has made remarkable progress in three months with Celtic, but his side may lack the means to survive a night at Anfield, particularly if some of their most important players are missing. Although Celtic are convinced that they can exploit Liverpool's weaknesses, it is hard to see how they can conceal failings of their own.

"If we can keep it tight for 20 minutes and then have a go at them there's no reason why we can't get the result we need," Jackie McNamara, the Celtic midfield player, said jauntily.

The plan is easier to describe than it is to execute. Owen confesses to having a Scottish grandmother who lives near Celtic Park, but sentimentality is unlikely to afflict the teenager or his team-mates this evening.

LIVERPOOL (probabe; 4-3-1-2): D James — R Jones, B T Kvarme, P Babb, S Harkness — M Thomas, P Ince, S I Bjornebye — S McManaman — M Owen, R Fowler

CELTIC (probable, 4-4-2): J Gould — D Hannah, A Stubbs, M Mackay, T McKinlay — J McNamara, C Burley, M Wieghorst, P O'Donnell — H Larsson, S Donnelly.

IAN STEWART

Gascoigne, training in Glasgow yesterday, has yet to make his mark this season

Rangers search for gremlin in the defence

By Kevin McCarra

PERPLEXITY has wounded Rangers more than disappointment. Their season has already contained too many shabby results and, having already been removed from the European Cup by IFK Gothenburg, they are now nervously considering the 2-1 deficit that must be overcome against Strasbourg this evening in the Uefa Cup. The club still seems dazed by the difficulties.

Pounded by injury problems, it is understandable that Rangers should be a little woolly and, in addition, Brian Laudrup, who suffered internal bleeding in his thigh after a crude challenge at the weekend, may not be available tonight. The problems of Walter Smith, the manager, range far beyond such humdrum matters. With the personnel available, Rangers should be reaching higher standards.

Smith said yesterday: "Brian is showing signs of improvement. I will leave the decision [whether to play] up to him."

Paul Gascoigne has yet to leave his imprint on any of their games this season and the defence, by contrast, has been all too noteworthy. The errors that allowed Motherwell their 2-2 draw at Ibrox at the weekend no longer seemed surprising. "We are giving goals away too easily," Smith said once again. "It is inconsistent defending, because at times we have been all right."

An intermittent fault is always the hardest to repair and the manager, in any case, has few replacement parts available. Of the 25 senior players registered with Uefa, the governing body, as many as 11 may be unavailable this evening. In all likelihood, Rangers will have to make up the numbers on the substitutes' bench with youngsters.

The defence is particularly threadbare, since Terry Venables has insisted on Tony Vidmar's attendance at Australia's friendly in Tunisia this week. Joachim Bjorklund is, like Laudrup, attempting to shake off injury. In such circumstances, homilies are always liable to be delivered and the men who remain fit will be reminded of the need to assume responsibility.

In truth, Strasbourg are not the most intimidating opponents, even if their best forward, David Zitelli, is now free of suspension. Rangers ought to be capable of reaching a pace and intensity that will ensure a tormenting night for the visitors and, with Stuart McCall fit, Smith's team will surely not suffer from lethargy.

The greatest worry lies in the syndrome that has developed at Ibrox on European occasions that sees the crowd fearful and the players tentative. On the occasions that should be the most significant of all, the side has been in the habit of lapsing into vapid form. As much as the composition of the side, Smith will fret over the outlook of the men who take the field.

Francis in fear of history lesson

By Our Sports Staff

IT IS three years since Ossie Ardiles suffered a Coca-Cola Cup debacle. Gerry Francis takes his Tottenham Hotspur side to Carlisle United, of the Nationwide League second division, tonight praying that he does not suffer the same fate.

Ardiles lost his job as manager when Tottenham were eliminated from the competition after losing 3-0 at Notts County, with the likes of Jürgen Klinsmann, Teddy Sheringham, Nick Barmby, Ilie Dumitrescu and Darren Anderton unable to cope with a team that was then anchored at the bottom of the first division.

Tottenham hold a 3-2 first-leg lead. Francis said: "There is so much flare in our side. The supporters are frustrated when we don't get a result, but they've got to realise that we are just as frustrated as they are. In fact, this is the most attacking line-up I have fielded but we have drawn our last three games when we have needed to win them."

Francis was on a scouting mission in Portugal when Carlisle came close to embarrassing Tottenham in the first leg. Les Ferdinand and Chris Armstrong were also missing, although they played together for the first time in the draw with Wimbledon on Saturday and are set to continue. Francis has John Scales and David Howells back after injury.

Carlisle's goalkeeper, Tony Caig, said: "We are only a goal behind and I don't think Spurs will relish the prospect of coming here. We were disappointed about being beaten in the first leg, and that shows how confident we are."

Crystal Palace have the home advantage when they try to overturn a 1-0 first-leg lead for Hull City, of the third division. Duane Darby's goal gave Hull victory at Bootham Crescent and Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, admitted: "Hull were very unlucky because these matches should be one-offs and they deserved to go through."

Attilio Lombardo missed the first game through injury and is doubtful again.

Elsewhere, Premiership teams hold all the aces, especially Blackburn Rovers, who travel to Preston North End 6-0 up from the first leg. Barnsley entertain Chesterfield 2-1 ahead, Bolton Wanderers welcome Leyton Orient with a 3-1 lead, Leeds United go to Bristol City 3-1 up and Southampton travel to Brentford, also with a 3-1 advantage.

Little plots to avoid repeat performance

By Russell Kempson

ASTON VILLA'S recent record in the Uefa Cup is blighted by a recurring theme — defeat on away goals. It happened against Trabzonspor, of Turkey, in the 1994-95 season and against Helsingborgs IF, of Sweden, last season. It could happen again against Bordeaux at Villa Park tonight.

The thought of history repeating itself preys on the mind of Brian Little, the Villa manager, whose overcautious approach was partly responsible for Villa's downfall in Sweden last year. They drew 0-0, after a 1-1 draw at home, and thus departed the competition at the first hurdle.

"It's not that easy to forget," Little said. "We had 60 to 70 per cent of the play in their half of the field in the second leg and to go out after statistics like that was a bit crazy.

"I think we're better equipped this time. The players are older and wiser; they've experienced success and disappointment and I'm sure they'll be better for it. This tie is more difficult than last year but we feel we're capable of going through."

Villa secured a spirited 0-0 draw in the first round, first leg in the Stade Lescure a fortnight ago, perhaps using up their quota of good fortune for the tie when Bordeaux twice struck a post. Yet even with goals of paramount importance, Villa cannot afford any reckless, gung-ho tactics.

"It's up to us to give nothing away; we have to be patient," Gareth Southgate, the Villa captain, said.

"We can't really go for all-out attack because if we concede one goal, then we'll have to score two in the 90 minutes. We've just got to be careful and sensible."

Jean-Pierre Papin, the former France forward, is likely to play for Bordeaux. There had been some doubt because his young daughter, Emily, was due to travel to the United States for treatment for a rare brain disorder. However, her trip has been delayed until her father returns.

Villa have injury doubts about Dwight Yorke, Southgate and Mark Draper. "Basically, they're just a bit tired and jaded after all the games we've had," Little said. "They'd feel a lot better if they could have a week off. I'm not sure, though, that I will risk all three."

If he were to rest Yorke, it would leave him with the unpredictable partnership of Savo Milosevic and Stan Collymore up front. Anything could happen, and probably will, at Villa Park this evening — as long as it is not defeat on away goals.

ASTON VILLA (probable; 3-5-2): M Bosnich — U Ehiogu, S Staunton, G Southgate — F Nelson, S Curcic, I Taylor, M Draper, A Wright — D Yorke, S Collymore.

Leicester looking to gain respect

By Rob Hughes

HOW far must the pendulum swing before people stop underestimating Leicester City? They go into the Uefa Cup first round, second-leg tie against Atlético Madrid at Filbert Street tonight with impressive league form, after surprising the Spanish club with their indefatigable running before succumbing 2-1 in the first leg.

Raddy Antic, the Atlético coach and once a player with Luton Town, has problems. His team was held to a 3-3 draw by the surprise team of the Spanish season, Celta, at home on Saturday. Indeed, Atlético needed a late three-goal burst in five minutes, two of them from Christian Vieri, the Italy centre forward.

Celta had caught the Madrid pretenders cold at the start by taking a 2-0 lead and at the very end of the match to take a point, suggesting — as the first game against Leicester had done — that the team so expensively built by Antic and his paymaster, Jesús Gil y Gil, are individuals searching for unity and struggling to keep their minds on the job.

Atlético are eighth in the Spanish League; Leicester are third in the FA Carling Premiership. Atlético have won only once in the league; Leicester have lost only once.

Of course, as the first leg showed, if Kaamark, the Leicester defender, loses Juninho, the little Brazilian can create and devastate in the blink of an eye and Vieri has at last begun to justify his £12 million fee. One of his goals on Saturday was a penalty, but the other, when he arrived late with a surpremely timed run into the area, was honed on the training field. Juninho, almost inevitably, had moved wide to the right to create the space and had then delivered the ball sweetly for Vieri.

Additionally, though the weekend seemed a poor guide, Atlético should be strengthened in defence. In their home leg, Aguilera and Santi were suspended and a deputy, Daniel Proban, the Romanian, was both violent and inept.

Proban should not see the lights of Filbert Street tonight and Caminero, the purposeful winger, may also be absent, the victim of deliberate foul play on Saturday, according to the club's always fair-minded president, Gil.

Atlético, strangely attired with the name Marbella, the resort where Gil is mayor, across their red and white stripes, seem almost like strangers at times. Leicester, seeking to go places in the City and in the cups, are about as bonded as a team can be. They respond to Martin O'Neil, their manager, as he once did to Brian Clough — never daring to stint on effort. Will it be enough? Ninety minutes should tell.

LEICESTER CITY (probable: 3-1-4-2): K Keller — S Prior, M Elliott, S Walsh — P Kaamark — M Izzet, N Lennon, G Parker, S Guppy — I Marshall, E Heskey

Scowcroft named in England squad

PETER TAYLOR, the England Under-21 coach, yesterday gave James Scowcroft the perfect aid to recovery by naming the Ipswich Town striker in his squad for the final European championship qualifying match away to Italy next month.

Scowcroft, 21, was carried off during the Nationwide League first division match against Norwich City last Friday after an accidental clash with his team-mate, Matt Holland. Scowcroft lost all feeling in his limbs, although that gradually began to return. Taylor said yesterday: "Ipswich tell me James has got all the feeling back and he should be able to play for them on Saturday."

England are already assured of finishing top of group two, but they need a victory in Italy to have any chance of qualifying automatically for the last eight as only the seven group winners with the best qualifying record go through by right. At present, England are heading for a play-off against Israel.

"It's frustrating to beat Italy and Poland and still not get through for certain, but we know that we haven't scored enough goals," Taylor said. Six in seven matches to be precise, but the return of Darren Eadie and Emile Heskey, after his call-up to the senior ranks last month, is a boost.

ENGLAND UNDER-21 PARTY (v Italy, in Rieti, October 10): R Wright (Ipswich), C Day (Watford), A Marshall (Norwich), K Dyer (Ipswich), D Granville (Chelsea), W Quinn (Sheffield Utd), J Curtis (Manchester Utd), R Scimeca (Aston Villa), M Hall (Coventry), R Ferdinand (West Ham), A Moses (Barnsley), B Thatcher (Wimbledon), M Duberry (Chelsea), J Carragher (Liverpool), N Quashie (Queens Park Rangers), P Murray (Queens Park Rangers), D Murphy (Liverpool), S Hughes (Arsenal), F Lampard (West Ham), E Heskey (Leicester), B Dyer (Crystal Palace), J Scowcroft (Ipswich), D Eadie (Norwich), L Bradbury (Manchester City).

Market forces starting to be felt at Filbert Street

Chris Ayres sees another club take stock of progress

Leicester City yesterday attempted to translate its recent success in the Coca-Cola Cup and FA Carling Premiership into a strong stock market debut, with a flotation deal that valued the club at £24 million.

The move is expected to give Leicester a windfall of £11 million to spend on buying players, expanding the capacity of its Filbert Street home and improving its commerical operations.

Tom Smeaton, the Leicester chairman, said he was determined not to make the same mistakes as other clubs that have seen their shares fail to perform after joining the stock market.

"I think you need to value yourself at a conservative level and have a stream of profit from non-football related activities," he said. "Then you need a level of expertise on the board which will give the City confidence."

Leicester's move follows the recent flotations of Nottingham Forest, Chelsea Village and Newcastle United, with football clubs seeing stock market market success as a status symbol as well as an important method of raising cash.

Manchester United's hugely successful floatation in 1991 began the trend, although many clubs have not reaped the same financial rewards. Shares in United are worth nearly ten times their value in 1991, but an investment in Newcastle is worth significantly less than when the club floated in February.

Leicester will join the Alternative Investment Market — which is less regulated that than the main stock market — through a deal with Soccer Investments, the shell company floated earlier this year with the sole intention of taking over a Premiership side.

Soccer Investments will exchange 31 of its shares for each Leicester share, valued at 110p each. Fans will be able to make a minimum investment of £440 in the club, which is offering about 900,000 shares to the general public.

Many other Premiership clubs are set to follow in Leicester's footsteps over the coming months, including West Ham United and Derby County. Some foreign clubs are also understood to be considering a floatation on the London stock market, among them Bologna and Internazionale.

The deal yesterday came as English National Investment Company, the London quoted trust, bought a stake in AEK Athens, one of the most famous clubs in Greece.

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FOOTBALL

Salonika no threat to Wenger's authority

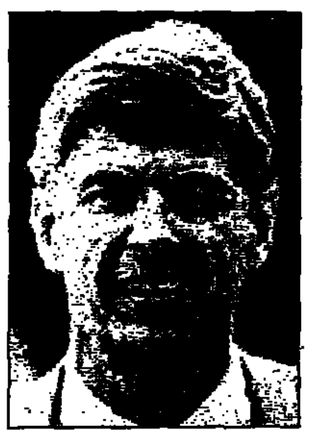
By Matt Dickinson

IT IS a measure of the success of Arsène Wenger's understated leadership that the shambolic and controversial manner of his arrival at Highbury precisely 12 months ago has been so easily forgotten.

Anger at the way in which Arsenal had lured Wenger behind the back of Bruce Rioch, his predecessor as manager, was compounded then by widespread scepticism at the club's recruitment of the unglamorous, unfamiliar and schoolmasterly figure. How short memories are, never less so than in football. Bruce who?

A first-round exit from the Uefa Cup at the hands of PAOK Salonika tonight, when Arsenal must overhaul a 1-0 deficit, would be an ignominious way of marking his first anniversary in charge at Highbury, but Wenger's precise, thoughtful and well-planned management will ensure that it would be seen only as a blip rather than a cause for introspection.

His success so far can be judged superficially by a glance at the FA Carling Premiership table, where his side peers down on Manchester United from the summit. Of infinitely longer-term significance, though, is the autonomy that the Frenchman has established in Highbury's marble halls after Rioch's short reign. A board smarting from the scandal of the George Graham "bung" affair had vowed never again to let a manager control transfers, and Rioch could fairly argue that he was operating with at least one hand tied behind his back.



Wenger: secure

There can be no doubt, however, that it is Wenger pulling the strings, including the purse-strings, and he bluntly revealed yesterday that he had been prepared to resign had he found it any other way. "The basis of the job was to have freedom to run the club as I chose, to make the important decisions about what was happening, the buying and selling of players, contracts and even the training-ground set-up," he said.

"Without an assurance of that freedom and control I would not have stayed. It would have been difficult for me to accept anything less. Maybe you are used to that in England, but in some foreign countries the manager can come back for pre-season and find the president has bought and sold players in the holidays without him knowing. I had no precise dreams or timetable to win things. I just wanted to show how well I could do and how I could cope with the job."

To that end, he faces a significant test tonight with the visit of PAOK, who took advantage of Arsenal's adventurous approach to score the only goal a fortnight ago, much to their own surprise. Wenger was without Dennis Bergkamp in Greece because of his fear of flying and Ian Wright looked lost without his favourite accomplice. The Dutchman has been in breathtaking form, and his return should be enough to swing the tie in the English club's favour.

ARSENAL (probable, 4-4-2): D Seaman — L Dixon, A Adams, S Bould, N Winterburn — R Parlour, P Vieira, E Petit, M Overmars — D Bergkamp, I Wright.

Family affair: There were two Mark Blundells on the podium when the 1997 IndyCar series concluded with the Marlboro 500 in Fontana, California, although only one could lay formal claim to the silverware. Blundell Sr, the former Formula One driver from Britain, was joined by his ten-year-old son, also called Mark, after securing his third win of the season by 0.085sec, which elevated him to sixth place in the overall rankings in only his second season. Lying third after 240 of the 250 laps, Blundell capitalised on a moment's hesitation by Jimmy Vasser, who was in second place, when Greg Moore, the leader, suffered a blown engine. Vasser, pictured left, held off the challenge of Adrian Fernandez, right, to hold on to second place. "It has been a fantastic day," Blundell said. "To win a 500-mile race for the first time is incredible." The series was won with a race to spare by Alex Zanardi, of Italy, who suffered a crash in practice and did not compete on Sunday.

Daniels the standard-bearer for women

One cricketing revolution may have petered out, but another continues apace. **Sarah Potter** catches up with the leader

At a time when the county cricket chairmen who run the men's game have chosen not to look beyond their own rather narrow boundaries, it may be surprising to learn that women's cricket has set its sights on a richer, wider landscape.

Cricket and "tradition" still hold hands in the women's game, too, but it is no longer a case of wrinkled necks being cricked from looking backwards to some imagined, quaint old world. The executive director of the Women's Cricket Association (WCA) is 32-year-old Barbara Daniels, and it is largely through her efforts that the game is facing forward.

She will present a draft proposal, detailing plans for merger with the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), to the officers of the WCA within the next few weeks. Formal dissolution of the 70-year-old governing body could happen by February, giving the women's game access to development and financial structures that should ensure survival and growth.

"The MacLaurin report was very significant for us," Daniels said. "Inevitably, some will think it a shame that the WCA won't exist any more, but overall there is a positive feeling."

As an England player, she has experienced first-hand the benefits brought by sponsorship money and coaching. Vodafone funded South Africa's visit this summer and next week a £90,000 National Lottery cheque is expected. That will foot the bill for the defence of the World Cup in India in December.

"For the first time our international players have not been asked to pay for anything," she said. "We are having a training week in Portugal in October and all the air-fare costs to India will be paid for."

However, Daniels cares too much about the game to be elitist. She wants resources spread to the grass roots and is aware that the gap between club and country is too wide. It will not be bridged easily or quickly, but recent work with the ECB has set positive ideas in motion.

"We have been working on an eight-year performance plan looking at national development and funding. We want to increase the number of clubs and make sure support is there to sustain them. Paid people, in other words, who are there to help and coach.

"Only then can the leagues become better matched and more competitive."

Administration, then, is almost as big an issue as getting girls and women playing. Tim Lamb, the chief executive of the ECB, believes that the next logical step would be for Daniels to move her office to Lord's. That will have to be discussed by the WCA members, but, as their biggest fear is how to ensure women's cricket still has a voice once it is swallowed by the ECB, it makes sense.

At that point Daniels might have to assess her playing career. The enormity of the task will demand much of her time and energy.

"After the World Cup, I will have to take stock," she said. "I've learnt to control my nerves as a player but during the summer I was still thinking about how much there is to do."

What is happening is radical. It can be called raising the standards and Daniels is very much at the helm.

EQUESTRIANISM

Show goes on after Skelton has last word

By Jenny MacArthur

DOUBTS concerning the future of the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley Arena, which ended on Sunday night with Nick Skelton's convincing win in the Golden Saddle Grand Prix, were dispelled yesterday with the announcement that the show, which has run at a substantial loss for the past two years, broke even this year.

Mark Wein, the co-director of Grandstand Media, the company that took over the running of the show in July, said that "through stringent cost-cutting and enormous support from the equestrian world, the show has broken even and has a brighter outlook than it has had for many years".

Although the 21,000 spectators that attended this year was a long way short of the 50,000 that came in the heady days of the early 1980s — and 4,000 fewer than last year — Wein was philosphical. "Having only had the benefit of eight weeks to look at marketing, we were obviously very restricted in what we could achieve," he said. "Group ticket sales were down, but that is something that needs to be addressed in marketing terms at least six months before the show."

More significant was the renewed enthusiasm for the show, which was noted by spectators and riders alike. John Whitaker's former leading horse, Milton, did much to sustain it. His dramatic nightly arrivals in the arena — at the end of Whitaker and Geoff Billington's *Simply The Best* display — were greeted by the crowd with the raucous cheers normally reserved for pop stars.

Skelton also rekindled the old Wembley magic with his popular win in the Grand Prix, on Virtual Village Showtime. After Whitaker and Virtual Village Grannusch, the winners in 1993 and 1994, had lost their chance with an untypical refusal in the first round and three time faults in the second, the crowd threw its weight behind Skelton. The last to go in the second round, he sped round the most demanding course of the week to record the only double clear round.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

LAKE VYRNWY: Puma Cell half-marathon: Men: 1, D Loughlin (Chelmsford AC) 64min 6sec (course record); 2, J Cheruiyot (Ken) 64:53; 3, Spencer Newport (Blackheath) 65:20. Women: 1, J Kenyan (Lostock AC) 66:40; 2, L Turner (Birmingham) 67:48; 3, A Tooby-Smith (Knavesmire) 81:25.

BERGEN, Germany: Hochfelln international mountain race (8.9km, 1,074m ascent-only; includes Alpine Grand Prix decider): Men: 1, R Schmuck (Austria) 42min 44sec; 2, J Blaha (Cz) 43:42; 3, R Petro (Slovakia) 43:46; 4, O Sabatschus (Ger) 43:51; 5, P Kehl (Ger) 44:20; 6, R Findlow (Eng) 44:31. Alpine Grand Prix overall: 1, Schmuck 260pts; 2, Findlow 220; 3, Blaha 205. Women: 1, J Saxer-Juszko (Switz) 50:27; 2, A Buckley (Eng) 52:07; 3, F Krafbacher (Austria) 52:27. Overall: 1, Saxer-Juszko 300; 2, Buckley 210; 3, C Reber (Switz) 145.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Minnesota 5 Cleveland 1; New York Yankees 7 Detroit 2; Toronto 3 Boston 2; Chicago White Sox 4 Kansas City 3; Baltimore 7 Milwaukee 6; Texas 4 Anaheim 0; Oakland 9 Seattle 7.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati 11 Montreal 3; Philadelphia 8 Florida 7; New York Mets 8 Atlanta 2; St Louis 2 Chicago Cubs 1; Pittsburgh 5 Houston 4 (11inns); Colorado 13 Los Angeles 9; San Diego 5 San Francisco 3 (11inns).

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: London Towers 98 Watford Royals 59; Sheffield Sharks 87 Derby Storm 80

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Brixton 66 Stevenage 89; Solihull 76 Coventry 72. Second division: Chessington 50 Swindon 67; London 59 Solent 65. Women: First division: Leicester 58 Nottingham 64. Second division: Chelmsford 34 Manchester 45; Liverpool 76 Richmond 59.

MEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: Pool match: Southampton 64 South Bank 84.

Second Test match

Zimbabwe v New Zealand

BULAWAYO (final day of five). Zimbabwe drew with New Zealand

ZIMBABWE: First innings 461 (G J Whittall 203 not out, G W Flower 83, G J Rennie 57; D L Vettori 4 for 165).

Second Innings

G J Rennie lbw b Astle	24
G W Flower run out	49
†A Flower c and b Harris	7
G J Whittall not out	45
*A D R Campbell not out	59
D L Houghton c Harris b Vettori	13
P A Strang lbw b Vettori	2
H H Streak run out	1
B C Strang b Cairns	10
A G Huckle not out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 7, w 3, nb 5)	17
Total (8wkts dec)	227

E Matambanadzo did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-75, 2-80, 3-91, 4-172, 5-202, 6-204, 7-205, 8-219

BOWLING: O'Connor 5-0-35-0; Sewell 4-0-8-0; Cairns 11-1-49-1; Vettori 18-3-69-2; Astle 9-6-16-1; Harris 17-4-41-1

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 403 (N J Astle 96, D L Vettori 90, C Z Harris 71).

Second Innings

B A *Pocock c P A Strang b Huckle*	62
C M Spearman c Campbell b Huckle	27
M J Horne c Campbell b Huckle	29
*S P Fleming run out	75
N J Astle c G W Flower b P Strang	21
C L Cairns c Houghton b Huckle	8
†A C Parore c Whittall b Huckle	21
C Z Harris not out	14
L D Vettori run out	7
S B O'Connor not out	0
Extras (b 6, lb 3, nb 2)	11
Total (8 wkts)	275

D G Sewell did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-41, 2-89, 3-138, 4-207, *5-221, 6-240, 7-260, 8-275.*

BOWLING: Matambanadzo 2-0-14-0; B C Strang 8-4-15-0; Huckle 32-2-146-5; P A Strang 23-1-81-1; G W Flower 3-1-10-0.

Umpires: R B Tiffin (Zimbabwe) and S Venkataraghavan (India).

CYCLING

MANCHESTER: World Masters track championships: Men: Points: Age 30-34: 1, R Williams (GB) *48pts;* 2, S Wackstrom (Fin) 37; 3, R Upton (Aus) 19. 35-39: 1, S *Preiler (Ger) 25 at 1lap;* 2, C Carlson (US) 33; 3, S Watkins (US) 30. Sprint: 50-54: 1, G Cooke (GB) 12.533sec; 2, J Woodruff (US); 3, S Gregg (US). 55-59: 1, E Henry (US) *12.149; 2, M Napp (Ger); 3, P Tranberg* (Den). 3,000m Pursuit: 40-44: 1, G Winkel (US) 3min 35.771sec; 2, K Jubber (SA) 3:39.484; 3, C Kreick (US) 3:41.684. 45-49: 1, W Cox (US) 3:37.676; 2, C Dawson (US) 3:41.056; 3, K Fuller (US) 3:40.422. 2,000m Pursuit: 60 plus: 1, O Ahweck (Ger) 2:30.957; 2, R Widmark (US) 2:38.223; 3, D Blunden (Aus).

CYCLO-CROSS: Three Peaks (North Yorkshire, 60km) 1, C Young (Pace Racing) 2hr 58min 10sec (course record); 2, A Peace (Pace Racing) at 1min 58sec; 3, R Jebb (Pace Racing) at 2:58

EQUESTRIANISM

WEMBLEY: Horse of the Year Show: Golden Saddle Grand Prix: 1, Virtual Village Showtime (N Skelton, GB) 0faults, 36.63sec; 2, Nustria (P Charles, Ire) 4, *38.89; 3, El Passo (D Demeersam, Bel) 4,* 41.49; 4, Virtual Village Grannusch (J Whitaker, GB) 8, 44.01

FOOTBALL

Sunday's late results

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Bologna 0 AS Roma 0.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Betis 1 Oviedo 1; Tenerife 1 Mallorca 4; *Zaragoza 2, Compostela 2*

GERMAN LEAGUE: Hertha Berlin 1 FC Cologne 0

DUTCH LEAGUE: Volendam 0 PSV Eindhoven 8.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Estrela Amadora 2 Leca 1; Varzim 1 Vitoria Setubal 0; Maritimo 4 Academica 1; Salgueiros 5 Rio Ave 1, Belenenses 0 Chaves 1.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Atlético Paranaense 0 Flamengo 0; Bahia 4 Uniao São Joao 2; Bragantino 1 Gremio 1, Corinthians 2 *Palmeiras 2; Coritiba 3 Guarani 1; Criciuma* 1 Atlético Mineiro 1; Fluminense 2 America-Natal 4; Goias 1 Vitoria 2; Parana 0 Internacional 0; Portuguesa 1 Vasco da Gama 2; Santos 1 Botafogo 2; São Paulo 0 Juventude 0; Sport Recife 4 Cruzeiro 1.

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: San Lorenzo 2 Platense 2; Estudiantes de La Plata 0 Boca Juniors 0, Independiente 3 Union 2; Colon 3 Racing Club 3; Lanus 1 Huracan 0; Rosario Central 2 *Deportivo Espanol 1; Argentinos* Juniors 1 Ferrocarril Oeste 0; Velez Sarsfield 5 Newell's Old Boys 0; River Plate *3 Gimnasia y Esgrima 1,* Gimnasia de Jujuy 0 Gimnasia y Tiro 0.

FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National division: Bradford 0 Everton 3; Liverpool 4 Berkhampsted 1; Millwall 0 Croydon 0; Tranmere 2 Arsenal 4; Wembley 0 Doncaster 9.

FA WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Northern division: Bloxwich 1 Garswood St Helens 7, Blyth Spartans 3 Shell Wed 0; Coventry 1 *Aston Villa 3; Huddersfield 0* Ilkeston 2; Wolverhampton 2 Arnold 1. Southern division: Ipswich 1 Brighton and Hove 2; Langford 2 Barry 5, Leyton Orient 2 Whitehawk 2, Southampton Saints 2 Wimbledon 1

GOLF

ENDICOTT, New York: BC Open: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 275: G Hjertstedt (Swe) 70, 69, 66, 70. 276: L Rinker 70, 68, 72, 66; C Perry 69, 69, 69, 69; A Magee 67, 70, 69, 70. *277:* R Green (Aus) 71, 68, 69, 69; B Fleisher 70, 66, 71, 70; R Gamez 70, 67, 68, 72. 278: D Mast 70, 71, 70, 67; B Hughes (Aus) 70, 71, 69, 68; D Stockton Jr *68, 72, 69, 69;* G Waite (NZ) 69, 67, 72, 70.

CORNELIUS, North Carolina: Fieldcrest Cannon Classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 265: W Ward 66, 65, 64, 70. 267: J Geddes 69, 66, 67, 65; R Jones 67, 69, 65, 66. 270: K Parker-Gregory 68, 68, *68, 66. 271: D Andrews 69, 68, 69, 65; D* Pepper 67, 67, 71, 66; M Mallon 70, 66, 68, 67; J Inkster 67, 67, 69, 68; B King 67, 68, 66, 70. 273: T Johnson 70, 66, 68, 69; K Robbins 66, 69, 68, 70; L Neumann (Swe) 66, 66, 71, 70. Other scores: 278: H Dobson (GB) 70, 68, 72, 68; S Croce (It) 72, *69, 68, 69. 280: C Hj Koch 69, 69,* 71, 71. 282: A M Palli (Fr) 71, 71, 69, 71; C Sorenstam (Swe) 70, 70, 71, 71. 283: D Coe-Jones (Can) 68, 72, 72, 71; S Little (SA) *71, 70, 70, 72; C Pierce (GB) 70, 68, 73, 72.* 284: G Graham (Can) 73, 69, 69, 73; J Stephenson (Aus) 68, 73, 70, 73; E Dahllof (Swe) 71, 69, 71, 73

MILTON, Florida: Emerald Coast Seniors Classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 196: I Aoki (Japan) 71, 60, 65; G *Morgan 64, 68, 64 (Aoki won at first extra hole).* 200: J Sigel 69, 66, 65; B Duval 66, 66, 68; H Irwin 65, 66, 69; S Hobday (SA) 67, 63, 70

FERNDOWN, Dorset: English county finals: Final positions: 1, Yorkshire; 2, Sussex; 3, Cornwall; 4, Leicestershire and Rutland

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Group A: Ayr Scottish Eagles 7 Telford Tigers 1; *Manchester Storm 3 Newcastle Cobras 3; Paisley Pirates 2 Sheffield Steelers 18.* Group B: Cardiff Devils 3 Nottingham Panthers 2; Bracknell Bees 6 Peterborough Pirates 2

LACROSSE

SHEPHERDS FRIENDLY SOCIETY LEAGUE: Premier division: Boardman and Eccles 5 Stockport 12; Cheadle 13 *Hulmeians 7; Heaton Mersey 17 Poynton 6;* Cheadle Hulme 4 Timperley 19; Mellor 19 Old Waconians 8.

MOTORCYCLING

DONINGTON PARK: British superbike championship: Round 21: 1, N Mackenzie (Yamaha) 18min 57.460sec; 2, J Reynolds *(Ducati) 18:59.859;* 3, C Walker (Yamaha) 19:04.409; 4, T Rymer (Kawasaki) 19:08.720; 5, I Macpherson (Kawasaki) 19:10.055; 6, M Llewellyn (Suzuki) 19:11.007. *Round 22:* 1, Walker 17:40.779; 2, S Emmett *(Ducati)* 17:42.522; 3, Rymer 17:43.033; 4, Macpherson 17:53.480; 5, Llewellyn 18:04.515; 6, M Rutter (Honda) 18:04.561. Final overall championship *positions:* 1, Mackenzie 402pts; 2, *Walker* 345; 3, Rutter 246.

MOTOR RACING

FONTANA, California: Marlboro 500 IndyCar race: 1, M Blundell (GB, Reynard-Mercedes); 2, J Vasser (US, Reynard-Honda) at 0.847sec; 3, A Fernandez (Mex, Lola-Honda) at 1lap; 4, M Gugelmin (Br, Reynard-Mercedes) 249; 5, B Rahal (US, Reynard-Ford); 6, G de Ferran (Br, Reynard-Honda) all same lap. Leading final championship positions: 1, A Zanardi (It) *195pts; 2, De Ferran 162; 3, Vasser 144;* 4, Gugelmin 132; 5, P Tracy (Can) 121; 6, Blundell 115.

RUGBY LEAGUE

ACADEMY CUP: Final: Wigan Warriors 48 Halifax Blue Sox 4. Plate: Final: Featherstone Rovers 34 Warrington Wolves 26.

SAILING

WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE: First leg (Southampton to Cape Town): Leading positions (with distance to finish): 1, Innovation Kvaerner (Nor) 5,589.5miles; 2, Merit Cup (Monaco) 5,605.6; 3, EF Language (Swe) 5,609.2; 4, Silk Cut (GB) 5,621.0; 5, Chessie Racing (US) 5,630.5; 6, Toshiba (US) 5,695.7.

SNOOKER

HEREFORD LEISURE CENTRE: German Open: Final qualifying round: G Wilkinson (Eng) bt N Bond (Eng) 5-3; J Wattana (Thai) bt D Harold (Eng) 5-4; R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt G Dott (Scot) 5-2; A Hamilton (Eng) bt I McCulloch (Eng) 5-3; Q Hann (Aus) bt M Williams (Wales) 5-3; M Clark (Eng) bt S Davis (Eng) 5-3.

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Coventry 54 Swindon 36. PREMIER LEAGUE: Oxford 56 Arena Essex 34; Newcastle 57 Isle of Wight 33. AMATEUR LEAGUE: Buxton 40 Western Warriors 37; Belle Vue Colts 46 Western Warriors 32.

SCOTTISH CUP: First leg: Edinburgh 49 Glasgow 41.

SQUASH

PRAIA DA ROCHA, Portugal: European club championships: Men: Semi-finals: Pontefract 3 Linkoping SK (Swe) 1; SC Red *Bull Reutte (Austria) 3 Brescia Squash (It) 1.* Final: Pontefract 2 SC Red Bull Reutte 2 (Pontefract win 9-8 on games countback, Pontefract names first: D Ryan lost to J Nicolle 6-9, 9-7, 9-1, 6-9, 3-9; L Beachill lost to M Allen 9-2, 0-9, 0-9, 0-9; A Toes bt O Rucks 9-3, 9-2, 10-8; P Hornsby bt W Rothbacher 10-8, 9-1, 3-9, 4-9, 9-6. Women: Semi-finals: Lee-on-Solent 3 Edinburgh SC 0; SV Haretord (Ger) 2 Meersquash (Holl) 1. Final: Lee-on-Solent 3 SV Haretord 0 (Lee-on-Solent names first: L Charman bt T Malik 9-5, 9-0, 9-5; T Shenton bt K Benter 9-8, 9-1, 8-10, 9-0; S Tweedie bt K Kuhne 2-9, 9-5, 10-9, 9-3).

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday, October 4

Coupon no, fixture, forecast

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

1 Arsenal v Barnsley 1
2 Bolton v Aston Villa 1
3 Coventry v Leeds 2
4 Man Utd v C Palace 1
5 Newcastle v Tottenham 1
6 Sheff Wed v Everton 2
7 Southmptn v West Ham 2
8 Wmbldn v Blackburn X

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

9 Birmingham v Crewe 1
10 Bradford v Wolves 2
11 Ipswich v Man City 2
12 QPR v Charlton 1
13 Reading v Sunderland X
14 Stockport v Portsmouth X
15 Stoke v Bury 1
16 Swindon v Port Vale X
17 Tranmere v Norwich X
18 West Brom v Oxford 1

SECOND DIVISION

19 Bristol R v Wrexham 1
20 Burnley v Wycombe 1
21 Chesfld v Bmouth 1
22 Fulham v Oldham 2
23 Gillingham v Bristol City 2
24 Grimsby v Wigan 1
25 Luton v Watford 2
26 Millwall v Blackpool 1
27 Preston v Brentford 1
28 Southend v N'hampton X
29 Walsall v Carlisle X
30 York v Plymouth 1

THIRD DIVISION

31 Cardiff v Barnet 1
32 Chester v Hartlepool 1
33 Doncaster v Brighton 2
34 Exeter v Scarborough 1
35 Hull v Torquay 2
36 L Orient v Macclesfield 1
37 Lincoln v Cambridge 1
38 Mansfield v Colchester X
39 Notts Co v Darlington 1

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION

40 Celtic v Kilmarnock 1
41 Dnfmln v Dundee U 1
42 Hibernian v Rangers 2
43 Motherwell v Hearts 2
44 St J'stone v Aberdeen 1

FIRST DIVISION

45 Ayr v Stirling X
46 Dundee v Airdrie 1
47 Morton v Raith 2
48 Hamilton v St Mirren 1
49 Partick v Falkirk X

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Wimbledon, *Reading, Stockport,* Swindon, Tranmere, Southend, Walsall, Mansfield, Ayr, Partick.

BEST DRAWS: Wimbledon, Reading, Tranmere, Southend, Mansfield. Aways: West Ham, Manchester City, Oldham, Watford, Torquay. Homes: Arsenal, Newcastle, Stoke, West Bromwich, Bristol Rovers, Preston, York, *Lincoln,* Notts Co.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Arsenal, Newcastle, Bristol Rovers, York, Notts *County. Aways: West Ham, Manchester* City, Torquay. Draws: Tranmere, Southend, Mansfield.

Vince Wright

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket match*

Uefa Cup

First round, second leg

Arsenal (0) v PAOK Salonika (1) (8.0)
Aston Villa (0) v Bordeaux (0) (7.45)
Leicester (1) v Atlético Madrid (2) (7.45)
Liverpool (2) v Celtic (2) (8.0)
Rangers (1) v RC Strasbourg (2) (7.45)

Coca-Cola Cup

Second round, second leg

Barnsley (2) v Chesterfield (1) (7.45)
Bolton (3) v Leyton Orient (1) (8.0)
Brentford (1) v Southampton (3) (7.45)
** Bristol City (1) v Leeds (3) (7.45)*
Carlisle (2) v Tottenham (3) (7.45)
Crystal Palace (0) v Hull (1) (7.45)
Preston (0) v Blackburn (6) (7.45)

Vauxhall Conference

Halifax v Leek
Woking v Dover

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: *Accrington Stanley v Lancaster; Chorley v Marine; Spennymoor v Frickley.* Cup: First round: Droylsden v Albion; Matlock Town *v Alfreton; Radcliffe v Great Harwood;* Trafford v Congleton; Whitley Bay v *Netherfield; Workington v Leigh.*

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: *Aylesbury v Dagenham and Redbridge;* Bishop's Stortford v Bromley (7.45); Dulwich v Chesham (7.45); Harrow v Boreham Wood. First division: Leatherhead v *Romford; Whyteleafe v Hampton.* Second division: Bedford T v Canvey Island; Chalfont St Peter v Horsham; Edgware v Egham; Met Police v Bracknell; Tilbury v Wealdstone; Witham v Tooting and Mitcham. Third division: Clapton v Hornchurch; Dorking v Epsom and Ewell; *H Hempstead v Croydon; Ware v* Camberley Town. Full Members Cup: St Albans v Enfield.

DR MARTENS LEAGUE CUP: *First* round, first leg: Atherstone v Moor Green; Cinderford v Gloucester.

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: First division: Manchester City v Grimsby (6.45). Second division: Rotherham v Shrewsbury (7.0); Sheffield Utd v Burnley (7.0).

GUARDIAN INSURANCE CUP: First-round replay: Uxbridge v Leyton Pennant.

NATIONWIDE GOLD CUP: Section A: *Dungannon Swifts v Larne.*

ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTH LEAGUE: First division: South Shields v Shildon.

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridgewater v Backwell; Calne v Odd Down; Paulton R v Melksham.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND FOOTBALL COMBINATION: President's Cup: Leicester YMCA v Chelmsley.

COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedfont v Chessington and Hook; Chipstead v *Raynes Park Vale.*

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton Collieries v Rossendale; *Blackpool Rovers v Ramsbottom;* Burscough v *Atherton LR;* Glossop North End v Mossley; Haslingden v Nantwich Town; Holker Old Boys v St Helens; Maine Road v Vauxhall GM; Newcastle Town v Darwen; Warrington v Salford.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier *division: Westfields v Kington Town.*

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bury Town v *Fakenham; Great Yarmouth v Lowestoft,* Halstead v Newmarket; Histon v Ely; Tiptree v Harwich and Parkeston, Warboys v Sudbury; Watton v Diss; Woodbridge Town v Gorleston; *Wroxham* v Stowmarket.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: *Lymington v Totton;* B.A.T. v Bournemouth; Bemerton Heath v Romsey; Christchurch v Alc Newbury; Ryde Sports v East Cowes; Thatcham Town v Whitchurch; Wimborne v Downton.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Burgess Hill v Peacehaven and Telscombe; *Hailsham v Mile Oak;* Redhill v Saltdean. John O'Hara League Cup: Newhaven v Eastbourne Town.

INTERLINK EXPRESS ALLIANCE: Pelsall V v Stapenhill; Rocester v Wednesfield; Stratford T v Halesowen H.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Arnold v Liversedge; Ossett Town v Curzon Ashton; Pickering v Brigg Town.

FA CUP: Second round qualifying replay: Parkgate v Belper Town; N Ferriby v Morpeth; Worksop v Brigg Town; Nuneaton v Bedworth; Cambridge City v Kettering; Bromsgrove v Sudbury; Rocester v Brackley Town; Halesowen Town v Rothwell; Sutton United v Welling; *Slough v Walton and Hersham;* Wivenhoe v Met Police; Deal v Portfield; Wokingham v Chippenham; Bath v Basingstoke; Waterlooville v Portsmouth R N.

FA YOUTH CUP: Second qualifying round: Doncaster R v Ilkeston.

RUGBY UNION

Club matches

Cambridge Univ v Cambridge City (7.15)
Cardiff Inst v Cardiff (6.30)
Northampton v Loughborough Students (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European Cup: Group E: Belgrade v London Towers (8.0).

ICE HOCKEY: *European League:* Manchester Storm v Dynamo *Moscow* (7.30). Benson and Hedges Cup: Group A: Telford Tigers v Sheffield Steelers (8.0). Group B: Nottingham Panthers v Bracknell Bees (7.30); Slough Jets v Cardiff Devils (8.0).

SPEEDWAY: Elite league: Bradford v Belle Vue (7.45); King's Lynn v Eastbourne (7.45); Peterborough v Swindon (7.45). *Premier league: Isle of Wight v Long* Eaton (at Peterborough, 7.0).

TENNIS: LTA satellite tournament (at *Nottingham).*

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6/1	2-0	25/1
8/1	2-1	20/1
9/1	3-0	80/1
9/1	3-1	80/1
40/1	3-2	66/1
6/1	0-0	6/1
11/2	1-1	11/2
20/1	2-2	20/1

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LIVERPOOL	DRAW	14/1
LIVERPOOL	CELTIC	40/1
DRAW	LIVERPOOL	4/1
DRAW	DRAW	5/1
DRAW	CELTIC	12/1
CELTIC	LIVERPOOL	25/1
CELTIC	DRAW	14/1
CELTIC	CELTIC	11/1

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10/1	DONNELLY (C)
12/1	INCE (L)
16/1	BLINKER (C)
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GOLF

Ballesteros vindicated by manner of victory

John Hopkins, golf correspondent, says that Europe's Ryder Cup success owed much to inspired, idiosyncratic captaincy

Of all the images that linger in the mind's eye of three days of competition in southern Spain, the most dominant are of Severiano Ballesteros, who left his imprints on the first Ryder Cup to be held in his country as clearly as footprints remain in wet sand. It was Ballesteros's tournament from start to finish, one he shaped in his own likeness.

Ballesteros has always marched to the beat of his own drum and, typically, even in the midst of the busiest week of his life, he found time to go off on his own and hit some practice balls after the opening ceremony.

One man's triumph is often another man's trial. Ballesteros captained with an iron fist in an iron glove and almost everything he tried came off. For Tom Kite, who captained the United States team by democracy, much of what he attempted did not work as well as he would have liked. Nothing demonstrates this as much as the apparent attention to detail he demonstrated when he got the weather reports for the preceding 300 days in order to determine any possible patterns. It came to nothing when Valderrama was hit by the first rain to fall in September for ten years.

Even before the match had begun, Ballesteros had gained an advantage on Kite, getting him to agree to play four-balls on the mornings of the first two days. Ballesteros camouflaged this strategy by suggesting that it was not good for either team to be playing late each night, when the reality was that he had worked out that it would favour his team. He was proved right. Europe won the four-balls overall by 5½-2½ and the foursomes, which have traditionally been something of a weakness, 5-3.

At times, Ballesteros's leadership style seemed at odds with all known convention. He interrupted, intervened, overruled. He criticised, cajoled and corrected. Sometimes he even backed off. Colin Montgomerie asked Mark James, a team assistant, to keep Ballesteros away from him when he played the 18th in his singles match against Scott Hoch. But Ballesteros, by force of his own personality, got the results he wanted.

Not the least of his achievements was concealing the fact that he was remarkably thorough in his preparations, writing details down himself or commanding Miguel-Angel Jiménez, his vice-captain, to do so, when it was widely expected that he would leave the details to be added by others.

The 32nd Ryder Cup was won by a combination of Ballesteros's strategy and his heart, but the strategy was the greater of the two. "I am impulsive when I play myself and I am in the trees and so on," he said, "but everything here was done to a game-plan." He split his team into foursomes and four-ball pairings and only changed them once, removing Per-Ulrik Johansson after Friday morning and replacing him as Jesper Parnevik's partner with Ignacio Garrido.

Ballesteros asked his men to tell him how often they wanted to play. Some, such as José Maria Olazábal, Montgomerie and Faldo, said all five matches, while others, such as Costantino Rocca and Bernhard Langer, indicated that they needed to rest. The strategy with the last two worked perfectly. They each played four times and each won three points, more than any American.

Ballesteros inquired in which order his players wanted to go out for the singles on Sunday and, privately, the men they would like as partners for the foursomes and four-balls. Lee Westwood said Darren Clarke and Faldo. When Faldo said that he would like to partner Westwood, Ballesteros knew he had pairings that would work. Not only that, in those partnerships where there was clearly a senior and a junior partner, the players gelled remarkably well.

The way that Ian Woosnam shepherded Thomas Bjorn around on Saturday was proof of that, and perhaps Bjorn's inspired performance in the singles, when he recovered from four down to Justin Leonard after four holes, was in part because of the reaction of having won a thrilling four-ball with Woosnam the previous day.

Another example was the partnership of Westwood and Faldo, who went out of his way to do what he had not done in Ryder Cups before and fulfil the role of elder statesman. It worked for Westwood, who won two points out of five, and it worked for Faldo.

Every European got at least one point. The perceived lesser players, such as Johansson, who got two points from two matches, Clarke (one point from two matches) and Bjorn (1½ points from two matches), all contributed significantly. By comparison, Kite's much-lauded major champions — Tiger Woods, Leonard and Davis Love III — let their captain down. They could contribute only 2½ points between them and Love, who played in four matches, lost them all.

What finally capped it for Europe was Ballesteros's experience, his knowledge of how to get out of a tight corner and, most important of all, his unquenchable competitiveness. "I told my team they were here to win, not to defend," Ballesteros said. "I like to attack. I said on Sunday that I regarded a tie as a defeat. I had not come here to lose. I told them they were at the Ryder Cup to compete, not to participate. I am happy that they did such a great job."

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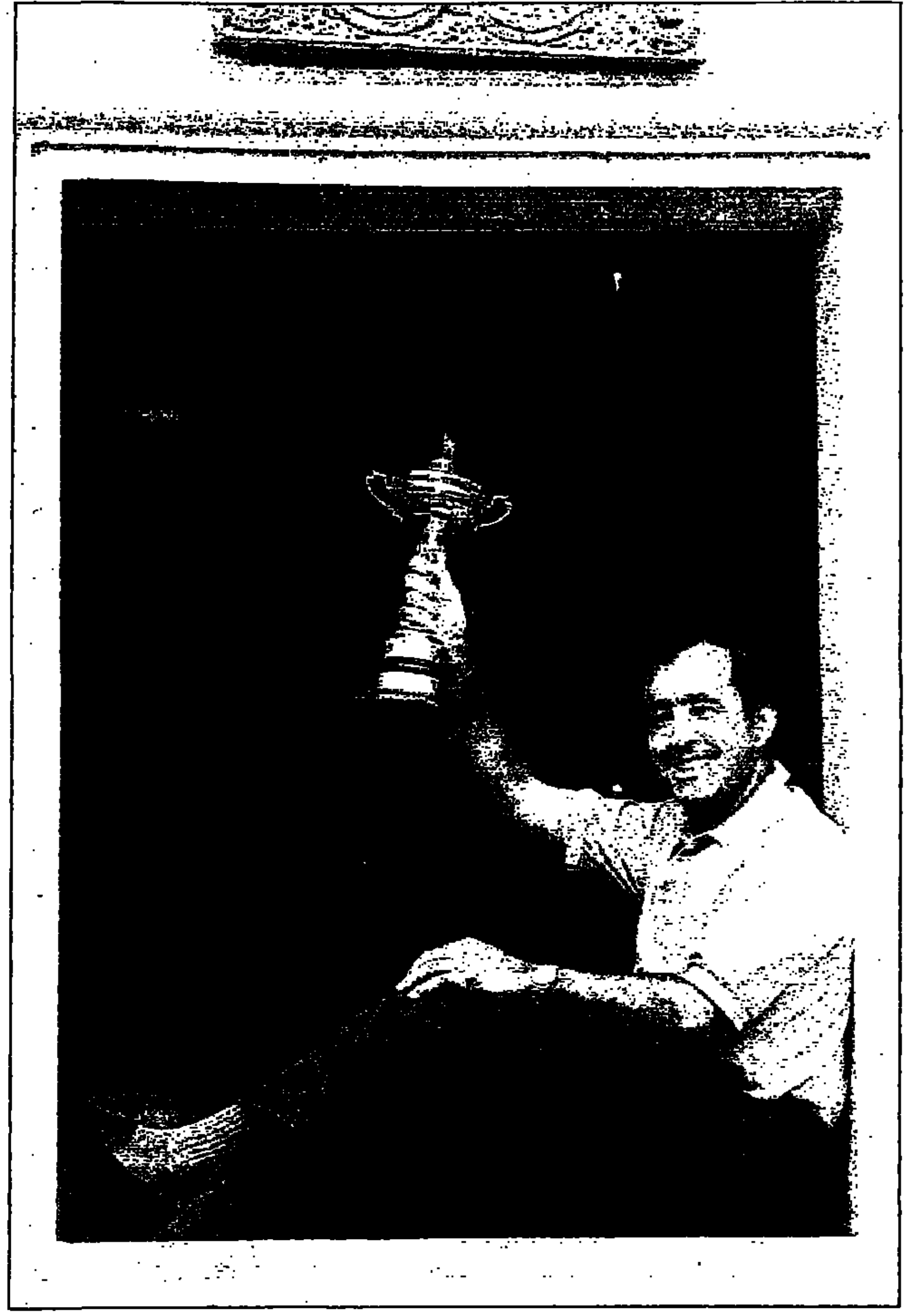

He led with an iron fist in an iron glove, but Ballesteros must be judged on results

Kite let down by those friends in high places

Patricia Davies on the reasons for a defeat that wrecked an American dream

Tiger Woods missed his dad, and even the advice and support of a former president could not give the United States team enough pep to snatch the Ryder Cup away from Europe. The Americans, while praising the European effort, were inclined to blame the course, the weather and streaky putting by the opposition for their defeat.

They took as much heart as they could from the fact that they won the singles 8-4, but Tom Kite, the US captain, admitted that he had been so shell-shocked on Saturday evening that he did not know what to say to lift his team. "I don't have a lot of experience in this. I have never done this before," he said. The presence of George Bush on the course failed to do the trick.

Kite, who believes in hard work rather than magic, was also adamant that his team did not know the course well enough, a fear he had had all along but tried to keep to himself. "It requires as much local knowledge as any course I've ever seen, with the possible exception of Augusta National," he said. "I was hoping for weather conditions similar to the weather we saw during the practice rounds. That would have been extremely helpful."

What he got was weather so unhelpful, and so unusual for the time of year in southern Spain, that all sense of order disappeared and a form of chaos ruled, with matches being suspended overnight and no time to sit and take stock. Routines were disrupted, decisions taken on the run and Severiano Ballesteros, Kite's opposite number and the master of mayhem, thrived. The more meticulous Kite often looked a little lost. It was all very un-American and quintessentially Spanish.

One of Kite's big problems was that his three major champions, who played 13 matches between them, won just one and picked up only 2½ points in all. Davis Love III, the recently crowned US PGA champion and the hero at The Belfry four years ago, lost all four of his games. Woods, the Masters champion, who was the only American to play five times, earned a point on his first outing, with Mark O'Meara in the four-balls. Woods and Justin Leonard, the Open champion, who played four times, earned a half in the foursomes against Jesper Parnevik and Ignacio Garrido on Sunday morning, but that was it.

Leonard, who played some scintillating golf — notably in his four-ball with Brad Faxon against Ian Woosnam and Thomas Bjorn — also suffered against Bjorn in the singles. The Dane recovered from four down after four to halve the match. Leonard, 25, had three birdies in those first four holes, but could not maintain that form. "I feel like I aged five years out on the back nine," he said.

Woods, already a golfing icon but the baby of the team at 21, never got to grips with a course that does not favour big-hitters with a wild streak. Phil Mickelson also suffered.

For the first time at a leading event, Woods's parents were not with him. Earl, his father, and the only person permitted to give him advice on putting — it was one of his tips that led to the dismantling of Augusta in April — was on the course at home in California when his son called for help. He called back and was told that Tiger was in bed. When he rang later, he was told that he had gone to the course.

Soundly beaten by Costantino Rocca, who had partnered him in the last round of the Masters and was eclipsed, Woods was asked to explain the reverse. "It's called golf," he said. "You can't always win, all you can hope for is that things go your way. You go out and give it all and see what happens. I gave all I had and it just wasn't enough."

TENNIS

Injury rules out Sampras

PETE SAMPRAS, the world No 1, yesterday pulled out of the Swiss indoor championships in Basle with a shoulder injury. Sampras said he had an inflamed right shoulder, aggravated during his victory over Patrick Rafter in the Compaq Grand Slam Cup final in Munich on Sunday.

The Wimbledon and Australian Open champion said: "I'm very disappointed. I really wanted to play, being the defending champion. It's frustrating to pull out but there's no way I could have competed successfully."

Greg Rusedski, who lost to Sampras in the semi-finals in Munich, has been drawn against David Prinosil, of Germany. Tim Henman, his British compatriot, will meet Marc-Kevin Gollner, also of Germany.

WORD-WATCHING

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KESSELRING

(c) German field marshal. Early career in Luftwaffe. Planned destruction of UK airfields by night bombing. Frustrated by Goering, who led into Battle of Britain. CinC Mediterranean and Balkans, obstructed by Hitler and Rommel. CinC Italy and displayed talent. Sentenced to death for war crimes against Italian prisoners. Attlee interceded, and the sentence was commuted to life. Released in 1952 for ill health. Died 1960. Known as the "smiling general".

BRECCIA

(b) A composite rock consisting of regular fragments of stone cemented together by some matrix such as lime. Sometimes opposed to conglomerates in which the fragments are rounded and waterworn. Ossious or bone Breccia is one in which fragments of bone are found.

BIFROST

(c) In Nordic mythology the bridge that stretched from Midgard to Asgard. Padraic column, *The Children of Odin*: "At last she turned her car towards Bifrost, the Rainbow Bridge. Heimdall guarded the bridge. 'Tell me if you know where Odur is.' 'Those who seek him will never find Odur.' And Freya was comforted in her loss. She followed Frigga across Bifrost the Rainbow Bridge and came again into the City of the Gods."

ANACLETE

(a) The conventional epithet for the Roman Emperor Julian, who tried to reintroduce the pagan gods instead of wimpish Christianity. From the Greek for the "recalled" one. Heathen priests and philosophers hailed Julian the "apostate" as the Divine Anaclete, the reascending Apollo (Coleridge, 1817). And a fat lot of good it did them.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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See Bergkamp fly.

TELEVISION CHOICE

The peregrine catches its prey

Cutting Edge
Channel 4, 8.00pm

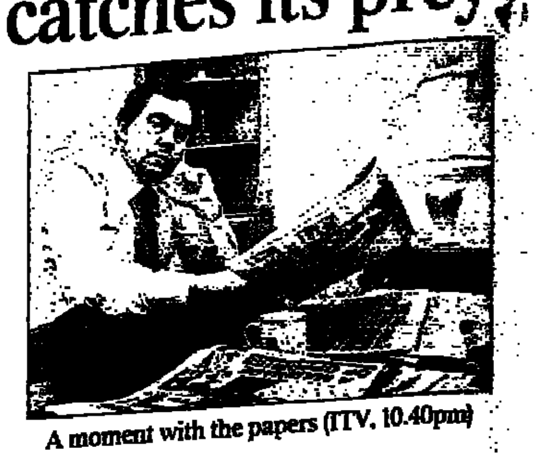
Illegal immigration control is not the most glamorous of jobs. The officers are dealing with ordinary people who are just trying to make a better life for themselves. They are not hardened criminals but they are breaking the law. In the first of a two-part look at the front line of policing our borders, Paul Berriff and his cameras follow the police and Home Office officials as they carry out Operation Peregrine. They have been tipped off that a number of illegal immigrants are working at menial cleaning jobs in a big hotel. It transpires that these mainly Polish workers have been "recruited" by an agency running adverts in Poland. One says that an agency representative met him at Dover, took his passport and paid him a pittance for a ten-hour day. The Poles are deported, but the agency has yet to be prosecuted.

Seinfeld
BBC2, 11.15pm

Surely no other programme would attempt to link non-fat yoghurt with politics but that is what this episode of the successful comedy series manages with very little sweat. Seinfeld and his coterie of New York buddies are beside themselves with delight at finding a delicious food which is not fattening. At least that is what the frozen yoghurt business, aided by Kramer (who bears a remarkable resemblance to a lavatory brush), would have them believe. Trouble is, the chums are starting to get a little chunky around the waist. After much convoluted plot wranglings turning around a laboratory and the cholesterol levels of mayoral candidate Rudi Giuliani, the truth behind the yoghurt's yumminess is revealed. Not a premium vintage of the successful American comedy but still an enjoyable piece of nonsense.

The Larry Sanders Show
BBC2, 11.40pm

Lost amid the lavish praise heaped upon Seinfeld is this adult gem of a comedy. It stars Garry Shandling as the late-night chat show host modelled on everyone from David Letterman to Jay Leno. Aficionados already know of Hank (Jeffrey Tambor) the sidekick, an egocentric loser who has ideas above his abilities, and producer Artie (Rip Torn), the supreme manipulator and smoother of problems. Artie, fed up with taking the blame for Larry's bad decisions and sick of Hank's whining, has had enough. He hits the bottle big time and vents his impotent rage via Hank's karaoke machine and leaves an expletive-strewn voicemail message for Sanders to pick up in the morning. So well-regarded is the show, stars such as Ryan O'Neal ("don't call me Rye Bread") and Sandra Bernhardt queue up to appear as themselves, warts and all.



A moment with the papers (ITV, 10.40pm)

Network First: Out of the Shadows
ITV, 10.40pm

As the programme-makers were still editing at time of going to press, not much is known about the content of this piece. But what has been released is enough to whet the appetite. For six months leading up to polling day, the cameras followed the spearhead of Labour's economic policy, Gordon Brown. In the first of a two-parter, we are promised intimate access to the then Shadow Chancellor's nerve-racking run-up to the election, revealing both the political and private worlds of the man who is considered a dour, lone Scotsman. It is an image the makers intend to banish for good. With access to his offices we are party to the political process involving the big movers and shakers like Blair and Mandelson as well as Brown's close advisers. **Frances Lass**

RADIO CHOICE

The Cuban Crisis
Radio 2, 9.30pm

This is one of those programmes whose provenance is not quite clear. An anniversary programme? Well, President Kennedy first alerted the world to the presence of Soviet missiles in Cuba via a television address on October 22, 1962 — 35 years ago next month. Not exactly a ringing anniversary span but never mind, the fascination of this programme is that it evokes the Cold War, indeed it evokes the nearest the world has come to a nuclear war. Michael Aspel is the presenter, not as unlikely a choice as it may seem, for Aspel was a television news reader in the 1960s. This being Radio 2, the programme mixes in some of the music of the time and takes in other events, but the key drama is well explained.

Magic Mountains
Radio 4, 10.00am (FM only)

How many more unconquered mountains exist in the world? Quite a few, it appears, and this fascinating series tells the story of an expedition to one of them, Sepu Kangri in Tibet. Dr Charlie Clarke was the medic (he is our leading authority on mountain sickness) in a seven-man team, led by Chris Bonington, that attempted to conquer the peak. Of course mountaineering documentaries are routine: what distinguishes this one is that Clarke tells the story not just of a physical test but also of what became an intellectual and spiritual challenge, one that each of the seven men tackled in a different way. Clarke also takes in some of issues facing mountaineering itself at a time when fresh challenges are hard to find. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley Includes **12.30pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Gooder **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Digital Update **8.40** John Peel. Includes a session by Movietone **10.30** Mary Anne Hobbs **1.00am** Clive Warren **4.00** Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** Johnnie Walker **7.00** Carl Davis Classics **8.00** Wayne Marshall's Organ Spectacular **9.00** Make 'em Laugh! **9.30** The Cuban Crisis. See Choice **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme with Jane Garvey **9.00** The Magazine with Brian Hayes **12.00** Midday **2.00pm** Ruscoe on Five. Includes racing from Newmarket **4.00** Nationwide with Julian Worricker **7.00** News Extra with Annie Webster **7.30** The Tuesday Match. Includes Uefa Cup first-round second-leg ties involving Liverpool, Leicester, Celtic, Arsenal, Aston Villa and Rangers **10.00** News Talk **11.00** News Extra **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night **5.00** Morning Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

5.00am Nick Abbot **7.00am** Russ and Jono's Breakfast Experience **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00 (FM)** Robin Banks **(AM)** Nicky Horne **7.00 (FM)** Paul Coyte **(AM)** Caimin Jones **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross and Carol McGiffen **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Anna Raeburn **9.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Elvis Presley-the Legacy **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf: The Portrait of a Lady **8.30** Chill Out **9.00** News; News in German (648 only) **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** See It My Way **9.30** Everywoman **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Revolution **10.30** Plays in Focus: School for Scandal **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** On Screen **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Elvis Presley-the Legacy **1.00** News; News in German (648 only) **1.05** World Business Report **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Health Matters **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack Hit List **4.00** News **4.05** Sports Roundup **4.15** See It My Way **4.30** The Greenfield Collection; News in German (648 only) **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** World Business Report **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Waveguide; News in German (648 only) **6.45** Sports Roundup **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** One Planet **8.00** News **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Megamix **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian Live **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** The World Today **11.45** Sports Roundup **12.00** News **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Megamix **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** The Farming World **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Discovery **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Meridian Live **4.00** News **4.05** World Business Report **4.15** Sports Roundup **4.30** Europe Today **5.00** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly. Includes the Classic Masterpiece, the Hall of Fame Hour and a recipe for risotto Milanese **1.00pm** Listener Request Hour with Jane Jones **2.00** Concerto. Haydn (Horn Concerto No 1 in D) **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight with John Brunning. Includes Dr Mark Porter with health care news **7.30** Sonata. Turina (Guitar Sonata) **8.00** Evening Concert. Tchaikovsky (Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture); Max Bruch (Violin Concerto No 2 in D minor); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 2 in E minor) **10.00** Michael Mappin. Includes at **11.35** Nocturne **2.00am** Concerto (r) **3.00** Mark Griffiths

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Vivaldi (Stabat Mater); Fauré (Violin Sonata in E minor); Verdi (Ballet music: Macbeth); Sibelius (Scènes Historiques Suite No 1); Cilea (La Dolcissima Effigie, Adrian Lecouvreur); Ravel (Daphnis and Chloe Suite No 2)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore. Includes Smetana (Prague Carnival); Chopin (Introduction and Polonaise Brillante); Grieg (Lyric Pieces); Berlioz (La Montagnard Exile); Respighi (The Birds)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Mark Rowlinson. Includes Byrd (Laudibus in sanctis); Beethoven (Variations in C minor); Mondonville (Motet De Profandis); Schumann (String Quartet in A); Britten (Suite King Arthur)
12.00 Composers of the Week: Schoenberg, Berg and Webern (Sounding the Century)
1.00pm Lunchtime Concert. A concert given last year by the Leopold Trio, in St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol. Haydn (String Trios, HXVI: No 41 in B flat; No 40 in G); Beethoven (Serenade in G, Op 8) (r)
2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes. Includes Verdi (Overture Stiffelio); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 23 in A), with Michael Roll, piano; Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1 in G minor), under Günther Herbig, with Dong-Suk Kang, violin; Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 5 in E minor) under Edward Downes
4.00 Voices. Iain Burnside talks to the tenor Ian Partridge about his 30-year career and his favourite recordings
4.45 Music Machine, with Verity Sharp
5.00 In Tune. Includes George Melly discussing the relationship between the violin and art in the 20th Century
7.30 Performance on 3. Live from Elmwood Hall in Belfast. Stephanie Hughes introduces a song recital given as part of Northern Ireland's Quebecois Festival. Catherine Robbin, mezzo, Michael McMahon, piano. Mozart (Als Luise die Briefe; Abendempfindung; Der Zauberer; An Chloe); Schumann (Frauenliebe und Leben) **8.10** A Woman's Hair, by Bryan MacMahon (r) **8.30** Enescu (Chansons de Clement Marot); Britten (A Charm of Lullabies); Gurney (I Will Go with my Father A-Ploughing); Elgar (To the Children, The Starlight Express); Dowland (Time Stands Still in Gazing on Her Face); Bridge (Love Went A-Riding); Ireland (The Salley Gardens), Warlock (My Own Country, Belloc Songs); Ireland (If There Were Dreams to Sell); Vaughan Williams (The Bird's Song, Pilgrim's Progress)
9.30 Postscript. Paul Bailey, author of *Gabriel's Lament* and *At the Jerusalem*, reads from his next novel, set in Romania, *Kitty and Virgil: A Romance*
9.45 BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under Tadaaki Otaka. Schnittke (Symphony No 6, Symphony No 7)
10.45 Night Waves. Richard Coles discusses crime and suicide with the author Martin Amis
11.30 Composer of the Week: Pizzetti (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.45** How to Beat Sir Humphrey. Derek Fowlds reads Antony Jay's book, abridged by Jane Marshall (2/3) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Ed Stourton. Telephone 0171-580 4444 with your questions for Ed Stourton and the guest of the day
10.00 (FM) News; Magic Mountains. See Choice
10.00 (LW) Daily Service
10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler
10.30 Woman's Hour. Jenni Murray's guests include the Rev Lucy Winkett, whose appointment as a canon at St Paul's Cathedral caused controversy
11.30 All in the Mind. A new series of the programme which investigates matters psychological and psychiatric. Professor Anthony Clare begins by exploring the role of cognitive therapy in mental health
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Cross-Questioned. The late Vincent Hanna gives the clues to Henry Naylor, David Quantick, Francis Wheen and the *Times* columnist John Diamond **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke at the Labour Party Conference in Brighton and James Cox in London
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Books and Company, with John Walsh (r)
2.30 Personal Records. Jeremy Nicholas explores the record collections of well-known personalities (1/6)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan hears reviews of P.D. James's new novel, and Martin Amis's *Night Train*, which examines the world of American cops
4.45 Short Story: Blood and Water, by Eilis Ni Dhuibhne. Read by Stella McCusker
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Travels with My Aunt. The comic adventure by Graham Greene, dramatised by Rene Basilico. Starring Dame Hilda Bracket as Aunt Augusta and Charles Kay as Henry Pulling (1/5) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4. Presented by Richard Watson
8.00 Science Now. A look at the latest scientific discoveries and developments with Peter Evans (r)
8.30 Molly's Last Ride. Dylan Winter takes his ageing horse Molly for a final, nostalgic ride
9.00 In Touch. Peter White with news and current affairs for the blind and partially sighted
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isobel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Loitering with Intent, Anna Massey reads Muriel Spark's comic novel (7/10)
11.00 Mediumwave. The week's events in the media (r)
11.30 The New Europeans, with David Neil Lodge. A look at the sizeable British population in the capital of Iceland (6/6) (r)
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: Light in August, by William Faulkner. Read by Ed Bishop (7/12)
12.48 (LW) Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2.** FM 88.0-90.2. **RADIO 3.** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4.** FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. **RADIO 5 LIVE.** MW 693, 909. **WORLD SERVICE.** MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM.** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN RADIO.** FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. **TALK RADIO.** MW 1053, 1089. **Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.**

Ladies with healthy appetites are not greedy

REVIEW

Joe Joseph

The really handy thing about language is that it enables us to communicate with other people without having to resort to certain animal-world conversational techniques, such as bottom-baring, or communal zebra-eating with your fellow lions. Which is why it comes as such a shock when you find out that you've been misusing a word in a way that's not just confusing to the people you've been addressing, but often also grounds for litigation.

Discovering from last night's **Seven Sins** (Channel 4) that the word "greedy" was now widely understood to mean bisexual was the biggest linguistic jolt to hit me since the time I read in the travel section of a Sunday paper that calling for "an extra pillow" in a hotel is apparently international concierge shorthand for requesting female company in your room.

This novel interpretation wouldn't have stuck so vividly in my mind had I not been staying in a forbidding hotel in Scotland at the time, and had I not — just five minutes before reading that article — telephoned the front desk for an extra pillow. No pillow ever came.

Last night's sinner was Felicity Diamond, who purred at us for half an hour about how much she enjoyed being greedy. As it happens, Diamond — who is a caterer and a masseuse — is just the sort of woman who might well request an extra pillow: she believes in enjoying all that life has to offer. But she still resents the assumption that all bisexuals are promiscuous, explaining that "that's one of the reasons they call us greedy".

Lord knows what Jennifer Paterson and Clarissa Dickson Wright — the now famous **Two Fat Ladies** (BBC2) — would have made of Diamond's idea of greedy, because they reap more than enough enjoyment exploiting the word's old-fashioned meaning. Not that they are averse to a few extra men between their sheets. (Dickson Wright recently told an interviewer that her size was no bar to pulling men: "Like cooking, it's all about technique, really".)

In the opening programme of their new series last night, the kitchen-counter banter offered as many tips on how to pull a man at cocktail parties (this week's food theme) as on what to cook if you're a hostess throwing one. Clarissa's pick-up tip? Just study a piece of furniture or a painting until someone comes by to discuss it with you (this assumes you are being entertained by hosts whose interiors were not kitted out by Ikea and Athena). As for Jennifer, she has noticed that "the most successful thing is, when you get these lovely girls and they pitch their voices very low so the man can't hear. The man has to get nearer and nearer and that always works. I say 'Hello dears!' and I don't get off with anybody! Ha, ha, ha, ha!"

As for the food, the ladies were helping the Brazilian Ambassador with his canapés. The tone was set early on, to warn off any prim Delia fans. After introducing herself at the door in Portuguese, Paterson confessed: "I think I said 'we're the Two Fat Ladies for the ambassadress', but I might have said 'we're two fat tarts for the ambassador'. I do hope not!" Delia wouldn't talk this way even after being administered Benzedrine.

The fat ladies' trademark is interspersing weights and measures with the sort of idle chit-chat that might bubble up in a kitchen where women are squandering an afternoon over a stove. "It's very handy," chirrups Jennifer, explaining that we will have to soak our salt cod in water for up to 36 hours before we can turn it into Portuguese cod cakes, "if you happen to have a running stream coming through the kitchen, like they do in the monasteries in Portugal."

"What do you do if you don't have a running stream?" Clarissa wonders from within her startling black outfit which is decorated — at every few inches of fabric — with bright yellow lemons.

"You must soak it in water and change it continually, or put it in a bowl of water and keep the tap dripping on it, which the water board won't like, but to hell with them. They charge us so much money and do so much leaking themselves." It's not the sort of thing Delia would let slip. Nor Jennifer's outrage at the modern-day habit of turning up to cocktail parties at 9pm — an hour after the invitation says the party is supposed to have finished.

Nor can you imagine Delia even agreeing to let Joseph, the Brazilian Embassy chauffeur, pour Caipirinha cocktails down her throat, let alone giving us a rendition of Carmen Miranda singing *Mama Eu Quero* when the rum starts kicking in.

Paterson and Dickson Wright are the opposite of what is thought seemly for a female television presenter today. They are overweight, they get drunk, they talk about sex, enjoy themselves noisily, abuse people and institutions, and they don't care. But by failing — by a very, very wide margin — every test of modern, female television presenters they have become hugely popular. In America, where every female presenter on the screen appears to be blonde and as thin as rice paper, they are also a hit. Maybe viewers are mad as hell with television stereotypes, and are not going to take it any more.

But then some stereotypes just snap back like a new pair of braces. **Picture This** (BBC2) last night led us to the clifftop at Beachy Head, a favoured suicide spot, in a rather beautiful debut film by Zimena Percival. "It is very dangerous here," said a German schoolteacher to her class. "We are standing on very high cliffs. Two years ago a German student walked up to the edge to take a picture and fell to his death. Thankfully." — take note of that thankfully — "he wasn't from our school, so you can relax a bit."

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (42363)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (98585295)
9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (2423092)
9.30 Style Challenge (1261092)
9.55 Kilroy (T) (5210653)
10.35 Change That (1300479)
11.00 News (T) Regional News and weather (46725[illegible]7)
11.05 Labour Party Conference '97 Live coverage of the conference from Brighton (27295382)
1.00pm News (T) and weather (40818)
1.30 Regional News and weather (17220547)
1.40 The Weather Show (87178160)
1.45 Neighbours (T) (77956740)
2.10 Quincy The sleuthing coroner takes a self-styled [illegible] guru to task on a live TV talk show (T) (4466519)
3.00 Through the Keyhole (8585)
3.30 Playdays (8[illegible]99295) **3.50** Arthur (8993011) **4.15** Fudge (4488276) **4.35** The Queen's Nose (6497924) **5.00** Newsround (T) (9892160) **5.10** Byker Grove (T) (57[illegible]8856)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (487547)
6.00 News (T) and weather (127)
6.30 Regional News (479)
7.00 Holiday Memories Tara Palmer Tomkinson takes a nostalgic trip down the hippie trail to Marrakesh; Matthew Kelly recalls sunny childhood summers with his mum and dad at Blackpool (T) (7586)
7.30 EastEnders Nick's peace-making plans go awry, causing further friction in the Jackson household. George talks to Councillor Dixon for the last time (T) (363)
8.00 Match of the Day Live: Liverpool v Celtic Desmond Lynam has coverage of tonight's Uefa Cup first-round, second-leg tie at Anfield (23241363)

NB: In the event of extra time and penalties, later programmes are subject to change

9.55 News (T) Regional News and weather (171769)
10.30 The Provos — the IRA and Sinn Fein: Second Front (2/4) A look at the role of prison protests and the rise of Sinn Fein (T) (87672) **WALES: 10.30** Tales from the Health Service (83450) **11.00** The Provos (50295) **12.00** FAW Football (5780284) **12.35am** Rosh Hashanah (1018230) **12.55** FILM: Hustle (3774159) **2.25** FILM: The Perfect Weapon (6115352) **3.45** News and weather (50749159)
11.30 Rosh Hashanah Chief Rabbi Dr Jonathan Sacks talks to Frances Lawrence, widow of murdered head teacher Philip Lawrence (820108)
11.50 Hustle (1975) starring Burt Reynolds and Catherine Deneuve. FILM A hard-working police lieutenant is drawn into a web of murder and corruption when a prostitute is murdered. Directed by Robert Aldrich (729450)
1.20am The Perfect Weapon (1991) with Jeff Speakman and John Dye. FILM When a young karate expert's mentor is killed by a gang, he vows to use his expertise to bring them to justice. Directed by Mark DiSalle (2572975)
2.40 Weather (3132772)

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BBC2

6.00am O U: Revising the Course — Authority (4200295) **6.25** Palazzo Venezia, Rome (4212030) **6.50** Culture and Society in Victorian Britain (5010030)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (4150450)
7.30 Smurfs' Adventures (6258127) **7.55** Blue Peter (r) (T) (5253905) **8.20** Oakie Doke (r) (7971160) **8.30** Rupert (r) (7048450) **8.35** Teletubbies (r) (1835295) **9.00** Cartoon (4665943) **9.10** Welsh History (4652479) **9.25** See You, See Me (3628585) **9.45** Numbertime (9340721) **10.00** Teletubbies (25011) **10.30** Watch (3569924) **10.45** Science Zone (8726856) **11.05** Space Ark (4686740) **11.15** Megamaths (T) (2826672) **11.35** History File (T) (2281108) **12.00** See Hear! (r) (16653)
12.30pm Working Lunch (31585)
1.00 Fiddley Foodle Bird (r) (83517301) **1.10** The Countryside Hour: West Midlands (9183176) **2.10** News (T) (32612818)
2.15 Labour Party Conference '97 Tony Blair addresses the party (760721)
3.55 News (T) (6768924) **4.00** Ready, Steady, Cook (932) **4.30** Going, Going, Gone (6496295) **4.55** Esther: adoption (8942586) **5.30** Today's the Day (856)
6.00 Heartbreak High (248382)
6.45 Conference Talk (470214)
7.30 Private Investigations The funeral industry; schoolboy football (T) (905)
8.00 Delia Smith's Winter Collection (r) (T) (7856)
8.30 Looking Good The return of high heeled shoes; Jill Dando shares her tips on good grooming and packing for a weekend away; stylist Guy Parsons reveals how to avoid bad hair days (T) (6363)
9.00 Have I Got Old News for You (r) (T) (9295)

Hamilton and Morrissey (9.30pm)

9.30 Holding On Shaun (David Morrissey) flies to Switzerland for his pay-off, taking Tina (Emily Hamilton); Marcus and Janet lose heart over Massive FM (T) (41030)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (758127)
11.15 Seinfeld Weight-watchers Jerry and Elaine have doubts about the non-fat fare on offer in Kramer's new cafe (T) (852547)
11.40 The Larry Sanders Show Arthur drowns his sorrows in the studio after the show. Ryan O'Neal and Sandra Bernhard make guest appearances (T) (519473)
12.00 Weather (6647913)
12.05am Duckman (4759642)
12.30 O U: Nature Display'd (77371) **1.00** World's Best Athlete? (T) (41517) **1.30** Shading a Map (T) (80994) **2.00** Teaching Today (34975) **4.00** Teaching and Learning with IT (67343) **4.30** Primary History (55710) **5.00** So You Want to Work in Social Care? (38791)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (7066011)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (2429276)
9.55 Regional News (1986837)
10.00 The Time, the Place (29837)
10.30 This Morning (T) (18787740)
12.20pm Regional News (6131653)
12.30 News (T) and weather (9329818)
12.54 HTV Crimestoppers (74170721) **12.55** Shortland Street (9337837) **1.25** Home and Away (58061498) **1.50** Remote Control Cooking (T) (77962301) **2.20** Vanessa (T) (75289382) **2.50** The Natural Health Show (8631011)
3.20 News (T) (4668943)
3.25 Regional News (4667214)
3.30 The Riddlers (1317160) **3.40** Wizadora (7150092) **3.50** The Adventures of Paddington Bear (7156276) **4.00** Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries (r) (T) (2490479) **4.15** Name That Toon! (T) (4497924) **4.40** Knight School (T) (7087011)
5.10 WALES: Yan Can Cook (r) (2236092)
5.10 Relative Knowledge (2236092)
5.40 News (T) and weather (653653)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (497450)
6.25 HTV Weather (313059)
6.30 HTV News (T) (547)
7.00 Emmerdale (T) (5634)
7.30 WALES: Grass Roots Countryside magazine from the Welsh Ploughing Championships, with a report from Farming Fair 2000 (289)
7.30 Take 3 Examining local issues: the battle to save the bingo halls and one man's campaign to be treated like a widow (289)
8.00 The Bill Slater gets a shock when the target of his undercover investigation walks into his uniformed life (T) (4382)
8.30 Paul Merton in Galton and Simpson's Visiting Day Trapped in his hospital bed Paul is a sitting target for the unwelcome attentions of his parents (T) (2419)

Conor Mullen as the new CSM (9.00pm)

9.00 Soldier, Soldier: Things Can Only Get Better The arrival of a new CSM stirs up the ranks (T) (3363)
10.00 News (T) and weather (66158)
10.30 Regional News (T) (149585)
10.40 Network First: Out of the Shadows Following the Gordon Brown during the run-up to Labour's landslide election victory (T) (1/2) (207818)
11.40 WALES: Alice Examining the changing cultural face of Europe (544276)
11.40 The West Match Plus (631856)
12.10am WALES: Campus Cops (4733604)
12.40am Planet Mirth (1261197) **1.10** Late and Loud (8678536) **2.10** Chart Show (r) (3330246) **2.50** Football (r) (5907604) **3.45** Sailing (r) (83062) **4.15** Jones and Jury (r) (76599791) **4.35** Time/Place **5.00** Heirloom (35468) **5.30** News

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9337837)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2236092)
6.25 Central News (412769)
6.55-7.00 Debtbusters: Lifeline (368769)
7.30-8.00 Trading Places (289)
11.40 Central Sports Special (631856)
12.45am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (39082)
1.15 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (2653772)
1.40 War of the Worlds (6649913)
2.30 The Paul Ross Show (1207888)
3.50 Sound Bites (29725159)
4.05 Central Jobfinder '97 (3152975)
5.20 Asian Eye (7415062)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (6131653)
12.55 Home and Away (4052450)
1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (77882009)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2236092)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (36030)
7.30-8.00 Compliments to the Chef. A new series that goes behind the scenes at some of the West Country's top restaurants (289)
11.40 Highlander (159092)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2236092)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (295)
6.30-7.00 Relative Knowledge (547)
7.30-8.00 Serve You Right Live (289)
11.40 The Meridian Match (159092)
5.00am Freescreen (35468)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9337837)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2236092)
6.23 Anglia Weather (374160)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (762547)
7.30-8.00 Wildlife Rescue (289)
11.40 Highlander (159092)

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (63769)
9.00 Ysgolion (182108)
11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (5856)
12.00pm Slot Meithrin (1059672)
12.15 Pingu (7989363)
12.30 Racing from Newmarket (39821295)
2.25 Conference Report (926450)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One (160)
4.30 Feast (672)
5.00 5 Pump: Uned 5 (6740)
5.30 Countdown (924)
6.00 Newyddion (860382)
6.10 Heno (253214)
7.00 Pobol y Cwm (525127)
7.25 Brodyr Bach (863924)
8.00 Y Clwb Rygbi (2924)
8.30 Newyddion (1059)
9.00 Yr Eneth Fwyn (1905)
10.00 Brookside (413130)
10.35 Frasier (659011)
11.05 NYPD Blue (263634)
12.00-1.00am Byzantium: The Lost Empire (17062)

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5.55am Sesame Street (68301)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (63769)
9.00 Schools: Science in Focus (T) (2457059) **9.22** Lost Animal (2268295) **9.30** Eureka! (T) (9347634) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (T) (9342189) **10.00** Fourways Farm (2713905) **10.10** TVM (T) (7442566) **10.25** How We Used to Live (T) (7454301) **10.45** Quest (T) (3559547) **11.00** First Edition IV (9861818) **11.15** Stage One (T) (9884769)
11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Fricassé of artichokes; mixed seafood and aubergine; lemon mousse (T) (5856) **12.00** Sesame Street (99011)
12.30pm Racing from Newmarket Live coverage of the **12.50, 1.30** and **2.00** races (39821295)
2.25 Conference Report The Prime Minister addresses the Labour Party conference (926450)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (160) **4.30** Countdown (T) (6481363) **4.55** Ricki Lake (T) (7699894) **5.30** It's a Dog's World (2/2) (r) (T) (924)
6.00 Moviewatch Young reviewers pass judgment on recent releases (837)
6.30 Roseanne (r) (T) (189)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (259818)
7.50 Music of the Millennium Skin's choice of music (217856)
8.00 The Feel Good Factor In the last of the series, Mark Little visits Newtownabbey, near Belfast, and Greenwich to see if they are as green and pleasant as they should be (T) (2924)
8.30 Brookside Elaine has a heart-breaking decision to make. Max thinks he has found the solution to Susannah's heartache (T) (1059)

Lisa interviews a suspect (9.00pm)

9.00 Cutting Edge: Illegal Immigrants The first of two looks at the Immigration Service. Tonight, the planning of an early morning raid on an hotel, and Lisa Norris's interviewing technique provides some valuable information (T) (1905)
10.00 David: The David Rothenberg Story (1988) with Bernadette Peters as a FILM mother who dedicates her life to the welfare of her young son after his father attempts to burn him to death. Directed by John Erman (T) (899479)
11.55 The Family Way (1966) A comedy starring Hayley Mills and Hywel Bennett FILM as newlyweds forced to stay with his overbearing father (John Mills). Directed by Roy Boulting (283214)
1.45am Late Night Ricki Lake (r) (T) (1585333)
2.30 Running Light (r) (4801555) **2.45** Rumour of True Things (r) (85420) **3.15** Island Race (r) (9449333) **3.50** Allsa (50746062)
4.00 Schools: History in Action (T) (920449) **5.45** Good Health (T) (2704468)

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CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a **Videocrypt** decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: **10.92075 GHz**; sound: **7.02 and 7.20 MHz**

6.00am 5 News Early (7875108)
7.30 Milkshake (1048856) **7.35** USA High (r) (7468585) **8.00** Havakazoo (9619491)
8.30 WideWorld The documentary series about business concludes with a look at how Manchester prepared its bid to host the 2000 Olympics (9039672)
9.00 Espresso Consumer affairs magazine (7317653) **10.00** Exclusive (6598108) **10.30** Hot Property (r) (T) (6669176)
11.00 Leeza Chat show (1935214) **11.50** Double Espresso (69257030)
12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Taylor is confronted by Connor who asks whether she is planning to tell Ridge that she is alive (T) (2964568) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (9444108)
1.00 5 News Update (85501030) **1.05** Sunset Beach. Gregory plans a trip to Spain (T) (8110382) **2.00** 5's Company (8181943)
3.30 Poker Alice (1987) with Elizabeth Taylor FILM and George Hamilton. A lighthearted western about a New Orleans card sharp who unexpectedly wins for herself a bordello. Directed by Arthur Allan Seidelman (8271059)
5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (11752769)
5.30 Whittle Audience participation quiz presented by Tim Vine (T) (9660585)
6.00 100 Per Cent (9667498)

Liz Crowther as Annie (6.30pm)

6.30 Family Affairs Annie (Liz Crowther) hears Maria make a stunning confession (9641450)
7.00 5 News (T) (8623721)
7.30 Animal Calypso The catastrophic effect of a fire that swept through the Everglades in 1980 (r) (T) (9381382)
7.50 Uefa Cup Football Live coverage of Arsenal v PAOK Salonika and extended highlights of Aston Villa v Bordeaux (80260127)

NB: In the event of extra time and penalties, subsequent programmes are subject to delay or alteration

10.45 The Jack Docherty Show (2433160)
11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H (8192059)
12.30am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine (14741913)
3.45 Live and Dangerous: Futbol Americas Action from the Latin American leagues (2366062)
4.35 The Streets of San Francisco starring Karl Malden (8171468)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (5876888)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (579769) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (12634) **10.00** Another World (97740) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (84276) **12.00** Oprah Winfrey (87924) **1.00pm** Geraldo (76672) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (73672) **3.00** Jenny Jones (83498) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (62905) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7011) **6.00** Real TV (3301) **6.30** Married ...with Children (4653) **7.00** The Simpsons (8740) **7.30** M*A*S*H (8027) **8.00** Speed! (4160) **8.30** Coppers (3295) **9.00** World's Deadliest Volcanoes (95721) **10.00** The Extraordinary (84588) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (72759) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (79826) **1.00am** Long Play (1814401)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am 300 Spartans (1962) (36450) **8.00 Magic Island (1995)** (51295) **9.30 The Dollmaker (1983)** (55306295) **11.55 September (1988)** (2162818) **1.25pm Canadian Bacon (1994)** (22906769) **3.00 Truman (1995)** (65861634) **5.15 Magic Island (1995)** (89260214) **7.00 Little Big League (1994)** (94863) **9.00 Bridges of Madison County (1995)** (58129382) **11.15 Horseman on the Roof (1995)** (883832) **1.15am Harper (1966)** (258739) **3.15 Runaway Daughters (1994)** (4031062) **4.40 September (1988)** (2331265)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.25am Thunder Birds (1942) (5153585) **7.45 Slattery's Hurricane (1949)** (5598547) **9.10 Sherlock: Undercover Dog (1994)** (9602092) **10.30 The Truth About Spring (1964)** (99276) **12.30pm The Dolly Sisters (1945)** (12127) **2.30 Magnificent Obsession (1935)** (26522) **4.30 Sherlock: Undercover Dog (1994)** (94740) **6.00 Reckless Kelly (1994)** (20853) **7.30 Feature: Volcano** (3547) **8.00 The Ultimate Lie (1996)** (34081) **10.00 Seven (1995)** (60836295) **12.10am In the Mouth of Madness (1995)** (522468) **1.50 Kingfish (1995)** (557975) **3.30 A Hatful of Rain (1957)** (609807)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm To Have and Have Not (1944) (9282301) **6.00 My Favourite Blonde (1942)** (3521905) **8.00 The Secret of My Success (1987)** (3526450) **10.00 Fright Night (1985)** (9219276) **11.50 The Principal (1987)** (6294479) **1.40am Damn the Defiant! (1961)** (2521333) **3.20 Cat People (1942)** (14183352) **4.30 Close**

TNT

9.00pm Singin' in the Rain (1952) (37501721) **11.00 A Night at the Opera (1935)** (11064063) **12.45am Buddy Buddy (1981)** (27981449) **2.30 They Were Expendable (1945)** (57585739)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (34295) **7.30** Football League Review (46030) **8.00** V-Max (55214) **8.30** Sports Centre (54585) **9.00** Racing News (45837) **9.30** Aerobics (81127) **10.00** Spanish Primera Liga (42214) **11.00** Sports Unlimited (22450) **12.00** Aerobics (59301) **12.30pm** How the Ryder Cup Was Won (824721) **3.30** V-Max (9363) **4.00** Golf: British Pro Tour (52419) **5.00** Wrestling (2585) **6.00** Sports Centre (5547) **6.30** Tartan Extra (9127) **7.00** Spanish Primera Liga (54059) **9.00** Footballers' Football Show (59943) **10.00** Sports Centre (59030) **10.30** Tartan Extra (35450) **11.00** Pro Beach Soccer (43943) **12.00** Sports Centre (78536) **12.30am** Spanish Primera Liga (28886) **2.30** Footballers' Football Show (18710) **3.30** Sports Centre (73626) **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics (8509585) **7.30** Sports Centre (6588092) **8.00** Racing News (5588566) **8.30** Fishing Texas (5587837) **9.00** Gone Fishing (5578189) **9.30** Football League Review (7389063) **10.00** World Motor Sport (3138547) **1.00pm** Spanish Primera Liga (8749504) **2.00** Showjumping (1195301) **4.00** Australian Rules Football (9875301) **6.00** Sports Unlimited (2149360) **7.00** Sports Centre (9863566) **7.30** Showjumping (1451276) **8.30** Golf: British Pro Tour (1944276) **9.30** Sailing (3675834) **10.30** Sports Unlimited (5720108) **11.30** Gaelic Games (7078450) **12.30am** Rugby Union (9733352) **2.30** Sports Centre (9140371) **3.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00pm Wrestling (29462856) **1.00** Fishing Tales (65966450) **1.30** American Gladiators (29442092) **2.00** Big League Classics (80299450) **3.30** Hockey: World Junior Men's (61357214) **5.30** Pro Beach Soccer (84902092) **6.30** Survival of the Fittest (31864127) **7.00** The Weekend Fisherman (25713419) **7.30** The Ultimate Fishing Show (31853011) **8.00** Rugby Union: European Cup (37511108) **10.00** Golden Gloves with Barry McGuigan (37523943) **11.00** Golden Olympics (59508127) **11.30** Close

EUROSPORT

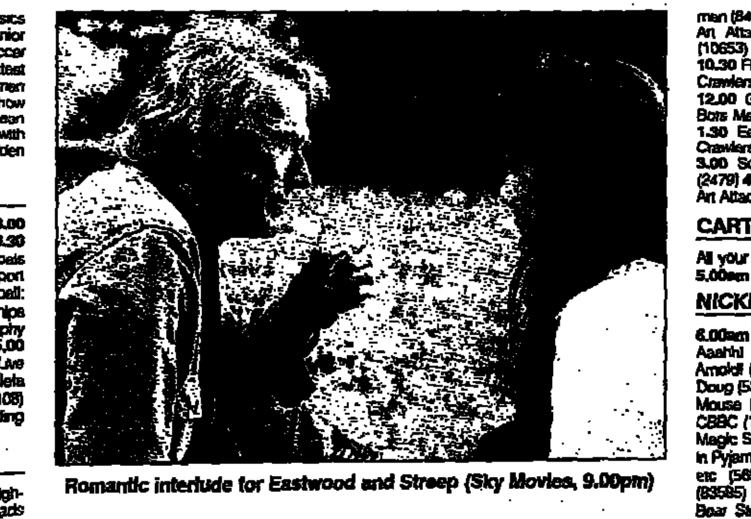
7.30am Olympic Games (48498) **8.00** Cycling: Nations Open (74699) **9.30** Speedworld (97672) **11.00** Eurogoals (68547) **12.30pm** Motorcycling: Supersport World Series (80127) **1.30** Volleyball: Women's European Championships (87834) **3.30** Cycling: Climber's Trophy (93189) **4.30** 4x4 Off Road (2450) **5.00** Tennis: Swiss Indoor Championship — Live (966108) **7.30** Uefa Cup (22856) **9.30** Uefa Cup (34634) **11.15** Uefa Cup (375108) **11.30** Showjumping: World Breeding Championships (80059) **1.30am** Close

UK GOLD

7.00am Pentaghost (4797943) **7.35** Neighbours (9532301) **8.00** Crossroads (9010214) **8.25** EastEnders (3538943) **9.00** The Bill (8663030) **9.30** Howards' Way (4920479) **10.00** In Loving Memory (1300653) **10.30** The Sullivans (6869214) **11.00** Frank Stubbs Promotes (53811924) **12.05pm** Crossroads (72932011) **12.30** Neighbours (4924295) **1.00** EastEnders (6760617) **1.25** High and Dry (9919295) **2.10** A Little Bit of Dawson (75032027) **2.20** Oh No! It's Selwyn Froggitt (45611127) **2.50** Are You Being Served? (2631943) **3.30** The Bill (4620363) **4.00** Casualty (11357837) **5.05** EastEnders (9450540) **6.40** Bob's Full House (9199818) **6.20** Two Ronnies (4811769) **7.20** Dr Who (9026214) **7.50** Home to Roost (5789081) **8.20** 2point4Children (6831295) **9.00** The Bill (2819030) **9.30** Casualty (55437295) **10.35** Morecambe and Wise (7301566) **11.35** Then Churchill Said to Me (3812276) **12.05am** FILM: Trouble in Store (14341371) **1.30** I Didn't Know You Cared (4499807) **2.05** Shopping (71592666)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am E! Uncut (5660585) **6.30** Beadle's About (6313818) **7.00** Coronation St (8066363) **7.30** Families (6085498) **8.00** Surprise Surprise (5830634) **9.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (9365194) **10.00** Mission Impossible (6074382) **11.00** Red Letter Day (8061818) **12.00** Coronation St (5040721) **12.30pm** Families (1681740) **1.00** Blind Date (1686295) **2.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (6338127) **3.00** Beadle's About (8684872) **3.30** Surgical Spirit (7582872) **4.00** Mission Impossible (2664130) **5.00** Red Letter Day (8675924) **6.00** Families (7588856) **6.30** Coronation St (7579108) **7.00** Blind Date (7344063) **8.00** Mission Impossible (7353740) **9.00** Coronation St (6484194) **9.30** The Comedians (1878276) **10.00** Night Thriller (7343363) **11.00** Close



Romantic interlude for Eastwood and Streep (Sky Movies, 9.00pm)

DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo (88540) **6.30** Lamb Chop (35059) **7.00** Chip 'n' Dale (33189) **7.30** Quack Pack (45924) **8.00** Dinosaurs (88566) **8.30** Bonkers (87837) **9.00** Gummi Bears (78189) **9.30** Groundling Marsh (14479) **10.00** Sesame Street (41108) **11.00** Hunny Pot (5770872) **11.15** Rosie and Jim (4912634) **11.40** Sing Me a Story (8882405) **12.00** Big Garage (7357214) **12.45pm** Winnie the Pooh (25870092) **1.00** Sesame Street (89950) **2.00** Amazing Animals (2740) **2.30** Care Bears (7180) **3.00** Tale Spin (8547) **3.30** Goof Troop (9905) **4.00** Timon and Pumbaa (1740) **4.30** Aladdin (7924) **5.00** Gargoyles (3092) **5.30** Dinosaurs (8276) **6.00** Blossom (5189) **6.30** Boy Meets World (9769) **7.00** Home Improvement (3656) **7.30** Wonder Years (9653) **8.00** FILM: Just Like Dad (1996) (77011) **9.30** Home Improvement (39059)

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Delly (6110498) **6.30** Billy the Cat (2135030) **7.00** Pinocchio (4789059) **7.30** Power Rangers Zeo (4778566) **8.00** Beetleborgs (83730111) **8.30** Masked Rider (8372382) **9.00** Magic Box (8363834) **9.30** Dudley the Dragon (6871011) **10.00** Inspector Gadget (2128382) **10.30** Samurai Pizza Cats (8369818) **11.00** Sweet Valley High (4787214) **12.00** Ace Ventura (8383498) **12.30pm** Casper (6682127) **1.00** The Tick (4781030) **1.30** Iron Man (8881498) **2.00** Fantastic Four (9846450) **2.30** Power Rangers Zeo (1386943) **3.00** Beetleborgs (9865585) **3.30** Masked Rider (1358160) **4.00** Ace Ventura (1377295) **4.30** Casper (1373479) **5.00** The Tick (8860030) **5.30** X Men (1397059) **6.00** Spiderman (1387672) **6.30** Sweet Valley High (1378924) **7.00** Close

TCC

6.00am Happily Ever After (10214) **6.30** Bobby's World (36455) **7.00** Sprou (39363) **7.30** Dennis the Menace (58498) **8.00** Batman (84740) **8.30** Bots Master (83011) **9.00** Art Attack (74363) **9.30** Earthworm Jim (10653) **10.00** Gravedale High (22585) **10.30** Flash Gordon (70547) **11.00** Creepy Crawlers (55853) **11.30** Gigantor (56382) **12.00** Gravedale High (94127) **12.30pm** Bots Master (21769) **1.00** Batman (38634) **1.30** Eek the Cat (13740) **2.00** Creepy Crawlers (5214) **2.30** Flash Gordon (7914) **3.00** Sonic (4721) **3.30** Earthworm Jim (2479) **4.00** Dennis the Menace (4214) **4.30** Art Attack (7158) **5.00** Close

CARTOON NETWORK

All your favourite cartoons broadcast from 5.00am to 9.00pm, seven days a week.

NICKELODEON

6.00am Killer Tomatoes (65740) **6.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (21009) **7.00** Hey Arnold! (32837) **7.30** Rugrats (44672) **8.00** Doug (53856) **8.30** Country Mouse and City Mouse (52127) **9.00** CBBC (43479) **9.30** CBBC (19127) **10.30** Babar (32383) **11.00** Magic School Bus (17479) **11.30** Bananas in Pyjamas (18108) **12.00** Paddington Bear etc (56943) **12.30pm** Portland Bill etc (83585) **1.00** Dr Seuss (31108) **1.30** Little Bear Stories (82856) **2.00** Jim Henson's Animal Show (1540) **2.30** CBBC (5160) **3.00** CBBC (6547) **3.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters/Doug (7905) **4.00** Hey Arnold! (9740) **4.30** Rugrats (5924) **5.00** Sister Sister (1092) **5.30** Sister Sister (8276) **6.00** Sabrina the Teenage Witch (3189) **6.30** Kablam! (7789) **7.00** Close **5.58am** Close

TROUBLE

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McManaman and Fowler restored

Hoddle spirits soaring after happy returns

By Oliver Holt
Football correspondent

GLENN HODDLE wrote the first lines of the final chapter of England's World Cup qualifying story at Lancaster Gate yesterday. He named his squad for the decisive group two game against Italy in Rome a week on Saturday, welcomed a quartet of the country's finest players back into the international fold and offered up a little prayer that those he had selected might stay free of injury in the week ahead.

For once, the talk was purely of football. It was almost as though the importance of the occasion had precluded a recurrence of the distractions that habitually crowd in on these announcements. No wife-beating, no drink-driving, no referee-baiting. There was no need for any sideshows this time. Italy v England is big enough.

In other circumstances, the absence of Alan Shearer could seem like a festering sore, but the England coach was all optimism and bonhomie yesterday. He concentrated on the return of two of the other components of the spine of his team: Paul Ince, who was suspended for the last match against Moldova, and Tony Adams, who was injured.

He also included the Liverpool pair of Steve McManaman and Robbie Fowler, two forwards who could turn any match, after a brief exile from the squad. Some interpreted the exclusion of McManaman from the squad against Moldova as a punishment for not participating in England's summer matches in the Tournoi de France, even though he was having a knee operation at the time.

In the interim, McManaman has recovered from a slow start to the season and the damage done to his confidence by the collapse of his transfer to Barcelona has been repaired by scoring two goals that took the breath away, first against Celtic, then against Aston Villa. Fowler, in only his second start of the season, against West Ham United on Saturday, struck the kind of predatory volleyed goal that signalled that he will soon be back to his best, too.

SQUAD

D Seaman (Arsenal), N Martyn (Leeds United), I Walker (Tottenham Hotspur), G Neville (Manchester Utd), P Neville (Man Utd), G Le Saux (Chelsea), A Adams (Arsenal), G Southgate (Aston Villa), G Pallister (Man Utd), S Campbell (Tottenham), P Ince (Liverpool), P Gascoigne (Rangers), A Hinchcliffe (Everton), D Beckham (Man Utd), D Batty (Newcastle), N Butt (Man Utd), R Lee (Newcastle), P Scholes (Man Utd), E Sheringham (Man Utd), S McManaman (Liverpool), L Ferdinand (Tottenham), R Fowler (Liverpool), I Wright (Arsenal), S Collymore (Aston Villa)

The squad was the weaker for the absence of the Liverpool duo. Even though both may find it hard to break into the starting line-up for the match in the Olympic Stadium, which England only need to draw to progress to the finals in France next summer, the England coach recognised during his press conference that the time for trying to teach players lessons had passed, and that this squad represented the best 24 available to him.

"It is a big, big plus to have Tony Adams and Paul Ince back," Hoddle said. "They are two players who feel at home in the international scene. They have got that belief in themselves because they have played at the very top and it is a tremendous boost for everyone to have them in the squad.

Fowler: predatory

"With Steve and Robbie, we are also bringing back two players of great talent. Steve has done very well in that he has scored two magnificent goals. There is still some of his form to come back but leaving him out of the squad has made him reflect a little bit. An urgency has come back into his game.

"I wanted to see a positive response from Steve after he was left out of the Moldova squad and I have seen it. When he is playing at his best, he is up there amongst the very best. His break gave him a bit of time to reflect and what happened with Barcelona has probably made him stronger."

Fowler provides a an alternative to the first-choice attacking partnership of Ian Wright and Teddy Sheringham, although it is hard to see why Hoddle has once more preferred an out-of-sorts Stan Collymore to an in-form Chris Sutton. McManaman will put pressure on Hoddle's midfield selections, even though he is likely to stick with David Beckham and Graeme Le Saux on the flanks and two defensively minded players, like Ince and David Batty, either side of Paul Gascoigne.

Adams, of course, will be the bulwark that Hoddle relies on to anchor a defence that is likely to come under the most intense pressure as Italy strive for the victory they need to take them past England to the top of the group.

"I have almost got two heads on at the moment," Hoddle said, "because part of me is going to be worried this week about players getting injured and part of me is glad that people like Robbie and Tony and Teddy Sheringham are going to be getting more games under their belts.

"This is the first time that there has not been some other issue involved at the announcement of the squad and I hope it stays that way. If any of the run-up to the games could be plain sailing, then it would be this one.

"We are all in a positive frame of mind but we know what a hard game it is going to be. It is going to need a magnificent performance from us to get the result we need but I think we are capable of that."

Darren Clarke, left, and Lee Westwood arrive in England yesterday with the Ryder Cup after Europe's success in Spain. Photograph: David Dyson

Langer nominated as Europe captain

From John Hopkins
Golf correspondent
at Valderrama

BERNHARD LANGER was identified as the man whom Severiano Ballesteros believes should succeed him as Europe's next Ryder Cup captain and take the team to Boston in two years' time, when the Europeans will be trying for an unprecedented third successive victory against the United States.

"Bernhard has been in the Ryder Cup many times," Ballesteros said yesterday, as he began to list Langer's credentials to be in charge at The Country Club, near Boston, in 1999. "He is a very special man. He has a great personality. He is never out of order. He is very experienced and very intelligent. He would do the job fantastic."

It is almost certain, however, that Langer wants to compete in Boston and, if successful, he would be making his tenth Ryder Cup appearance. He said that he would like to do the job at some time in the future — when it is held in Germany, perhaps — but two years from now is too soon. "I want to play in the match, not captain it," Langer said yesterday.

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Captain vindicated 46

Ballesteros repeated that his decision to stand down from the captaincy is because he wants to have time, to concentrate on his own golf and try to play in more Ryder Cups. "I am 100 per cent sure about giving up the captaincy," he said, "and the only reason is to concentrate on my game and regain my form.

"That is the only reason. I am playing better and I want to win a tournament before the year is over. I have been playing well these past few weeks. At the Lancôme Trophy I played fantastic, but I did not have any luck. But I believe in leaving the door open to return as captain some time in the future."

Ballesteros described Colin Montgomerie as a man who says one thing one day and something else the next. "Today he says something is black, tomorrow he says it is white." Ballesteros said. "This week he says he might go to the United States. Next week he says he might stay here."

Talk about the pot calling the kettle black. Ballesteros has always been fickle and for all the apparent certainty of his decision to step down, there remains the possibility that the Ryder Cup Committee might persuade him to remain or that, suddenly, he might change his mind.

"We do have some success in persuading Ryder Cup captains to change their minds," Ken Schofield, executive director of the PGA European Tour and a co-opted member of the Ryder Cup Committee, said — an obvious reference to the way that they persuaded Bernard Gallacher to return as captain for the 1995 match after he had initially said that he wanted to step down after the 1989, 1991 and 1993 matches.

Langer: wants to play

"But we will respect Seve's decision," Schofield said. "There would be nothing better for Europe than he should regain his game and qualify for some future Ryder Cups. What he brought to the Ryder Cup was inspiration for the Europeans. Each player played an inch taller because of him. This week Seve was Arnold [Palmer] and Jack [Nicklaus] combined."

The next Ryder Cup Committee meeting is to be held in November and, if recent history is anything to go by, then a captain will be in place by early next year. At this meeting, the format for selection for the next match will be settled, and it is likely that the world rankings will play a more important part in team selection for 1999.

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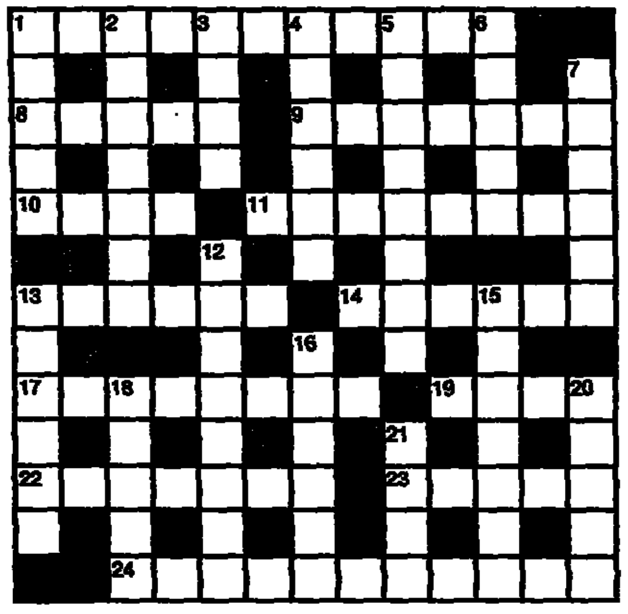

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13 Writing, text (6)
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Threat to tax lottery sports money provokes outrage

By John Goodbody

MANY of Britain's Olympic competitors face being taxed on the money they are awarded from the National Lottery.

After months of consulting the Inland Revenue, the sports councils have sent out guidebooks warning athletes that they may face tax bills unless their sole income from sporting activities is the Lottery Sports Fund Subsistance Award, with its total budget of £50 million.

The booklet also advises disabled competitors that they risk losing their state benefits if they receive cash for living and training allowances.

The news yesterday created turmoil in British sport, with many organisations attacking the meanness of the Inland Revenue in considering further taxation and the cutting of benefits, when it has already taken 12 per cent in lottery duty on every ticket sold.

Simon Clegg, the chief executive of the British Olympic Association, said: "We had been hoping that the Treasury would look kindly on a blanket dispensation. It is of particular concern to us because the level of expectation for these grants was far greater than has transpired in any case."

"If they now take these grants into account whenever they are assessing benefits and tax, that is going to have an adverse effect on all our athletes' preparations. The level of expectation was set at £28,000 a year and while some sportsmen and women in Scotland have got significant amounts, those in England and at British level have received far less than they expected. This news just makes it worse for them."

Roger Parsons, the high jumper and a director of the British Athletes' Association, said: "It is a shame that we are in the situation in which someone is earning a little money from whatever source and that amount has been taken into consideration when the award has been made. Now they may be taxed on that amount."

Revenue funding is *not* aimed at famous competitors in glamorous events, such as Roger Black, who already command substantial fees through racing and sponsorship. It is for the sportsmen and women, including disabled competitors, who may only receive a little money through local sponsorship and grants.

Parsons said: "A disabled competitor will have to think very carefully about losing their benefits. I would not wish that on anybody."

Wray Norton, the administration manager for Disability Sport, England, said: "From early on, this has always been seen as a potential problem and we should have got a definitive answer much earlier. Once you lose your disability benefit, you have to be assessed each time and it is very difficult to get back on the list. Disabled competitors are going to be very worried about this. I think it is disgraceful."

Nigel Hook, senior technical officer of the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR), which represents the national governing bodies, said: "We think it is an outrage that the Treasury will double-tax money from the lottery."

Llanelli verdict held over

THE board of European Rugby Cup Ltd has postponed *until today its verdict on the* violence that marred the first Heineken Cup meeting between Pau and Llanelli (David Hands writes).

A statement will be made this morning on the events of September 13 at the Stade du Hameau but the two clubs, who played a peaceful return match on Sunday, are braced for a substantial fine.

The board, meeting in Dublin, heard evidence from both Pau and Llanelli after a weekend that brought further troubles to its door. Cardiff have lodged a protest over the 90-day suspension awarded to Tony Rees, their lock forward, last Friday after Harlequins successfully cited Rees for stamping on Gareth Llewellyn during the cup meeting between the clubs nine days ago.

Another French club, Biarritz, had two players dismissed by Steve Lander, the English referee, for punching and spitting respectively during their European Conference game with Edinburgh on Saturday.

In the same competition, Gloucester have asked Beziers to comment on a claim by one of their supporters that he and his daughter were hit by stones during the game between the clubs nine days ago.

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